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The name of Patron members will be listed in every issue of En Passant. The extra money will be added to the IASCA budget and spent as the membership directs.

View of the Playing Hall for the Iowa Open.

Oct. 3. Quad-Cities Chess Classic. An Illinois Chess Tour Event and Iowa Mini-Qualifier Event! 4-SS; G/65, d5. Open and Reserve (U1400) sections. Also a scholastic youth section (See separate ad). Morning Star Academy, 1426 Tanglefoot Lane, Bettendorf, IA 52722. Reg: 8:30AM to 9:15AM. Rds: 9:30, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30 (or ASAP). 4th round ½ point bye requests before start of round 1 only. Other rounds before start of round 2. Maximum of one bye request. Entry Fee: $30 if per-registered by 9/30, $35 onsite Prizes: All entry fees will be returned in prize money after expenses have been deducted, PLUS trophy to winner of each section. USCF Membership required. IASCA Membership Required ($10). Send EF to: Gary Nordick, 13011 28th St. West, Milan, IL 61264. Gary.Chess@mediacombb.net Additional Info: Join IASCA: http://iowa-chess.org/Join.aspx No smoking. Bring your set, clock and board. Additional info: http://quadcitychess.com Mail pre-registration with check to include USCF ID and e-mail address to: Quad-City Chess Classic, c/o Gary Nordick, 13011 28th St. West, Milan, IL 61264. http://www.mapquest.com/us/iowa/schools-bettendorf/morning-star-academy-22843387 Directions: How to get there from I-74: From Illinois: Take Spruce Hills Drive exit, turn right on Spruce Hills. Turn left on Utica Ridge Road. Proceed on Utica Ridge turning right at Tanglefoot Lane. Site will be on the left a few blocks away. From Iowa: Take Spruce Hills Drive exit, turn left on Spruce Hills. Turn left on Utica Ridge Road. Proceed on Utica Ridge turning right at Tanglefoot Lane. Site will be on the left a few blocks away. Food/ concessions: Available on site. Fast-food a short drive away.

Oct. 10 Iowa Blitz Chess Championship. 5-SS, 2 Games per Round (one with each color); G/5, d0. We are celebrating National Chess Day with the Iowa Blitz Chess Championships, hosted by the Cedar Rapids Chess Club. There will be two sections: an Open USCF Blitz Rated section and free unrated section. Cedar Rapids Downtown Public Library, Beems Auditorium (2nd Floor) 450 Fifth Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401. Reg: 10:30AM to 11:30AM. Rds, 1st Round starts at noon. Remaining rounds paired immediately upon conclusion of previous rounds. EntryFee: Rated Section = $10. Unrated Section = Free. Prizes: USCF Blitz Rated Section (b/25): 1st Place = $60; 2nd Place = $40; 3rd Place = $30; U1800 = $25; U1600 = $25; U1400 = $25; U1200 = $25. Unrated Rated Section: Medals for the Following Places: 1st Place – 3rd Place Overall; Top Score under age 14; Top Score under age 12; Top Score under age 10; Top Score under age 8. USCF Membership Required. Send EF to: James Hodina 3411 Blue Pointe Ct SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 319-432-1459 james.hodina@chessiniowa.org Additional Info: www.chessiniowa.org/crchess James Hodina, c/o Chess in Iowa, 3411 Blue Pointe Ct SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

Oct. 24. Cedar Rapids Open. An IASCA Mini Qualifier. 4-SS; G/60 d/5. Based on historic registrations, accelerated pairings will likely be used. Physician Clinic of Iowa, Community Room (3rd Floor) 202 10th Street SE Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. Reg: 8:30AM to 9:30AM. Rds: 10 AM, 1:00 PM, 3:30 PM, 6:30 PM. Entry Fee: $25 if registration postmarked on or before 10/17, by 10/21 if paid online, $30 afterward or on-site. Prizes: $675 Based on 30 Entries: 1st = $175; 2nd = $125; 3rd = $75; Class A, B, C, D, E, & Unrated = $50, each. USCF Membership Required. IASCA Membership Required ($10). Send EF to: Chess in Iowa, c/o James Hodina 3411 Blue Pointe Ct. SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 319-432-1459 james.hodina@chessiniowa.org Additional Info: Byes: Late on-site registrations from 9:30 am to noon will be offered a ½ point bye. Only one ½ point bye available per player for the tournament. Byes for rounds 1-3 may be requested 30 minutes prior to round start time. Fourth round byes available during registration only. Free parking in ramp across street (park and enter directly on third floor).

Oct. 31 7th Annual Des Moines Classic (IASCA Mini-Qualifier). 4-SS; G/75, d5. Open to all FFA Enrichment Center at the DMACC, Room 115 (ground floor; the room number may be changed when the tournament is closer to October I may post on iowa-chess.org where the room is.) 1055 SW Prairie Trail Parkway, Ankeny, IA 50023 Reg: 9:15AM to 9:45AM. Rds: 10:00 - 12:45 - 3:30 – 6:15. One half-point bye allowed, players entering after the start of round 1 will receive one half-point bye. Entry Fee: $25; family/group $25; college students $10; elementary and secondary students $10. Prizes: Based on 25 entries: 1st place = $160, 2nd place = $140, 3rd place = $120. USCF Membership Required. IASCA Membership Required. ($10). Send EF to: Mathew Jacob, 3411 Linworth Lane, Des Moines, IA 50315 mmjacob20@yahoo.com Additional Info: Other state memberships accepted. Wheelchair accessible. No smoking. Free parking. A sign language/voice interpreter will be provided. Please bring your set, board, and clock. Write a check payable to Mathew or pay cash at site.

Nov. 7 Fall Harvest Chess Tournament 4-SS; G/60, 5d. Faith Assembly of God 1645

Keokuk St. Hamilton, IL 62341 Reg: 8:00AM to 8:45AM Open—U1200 Rounds: 4SS. First round 9am. EF: $15 plus one canned good for the local food pantry. Prizes: Trophies for Top 2 in each division. Metals for top two in class U1600, U1400, U1000, U800, U600, U400, U200, and Unrated USCF Membership Required. Send EF to: Arnie Gatton. Additional Info: Arnie Gatton (319) 795-4134.

Nov. 14 ICPL Kids Chess Tournament in Memory of Steve Young. This tournament is Unrated! 3rd thru 6th graders, (or younger if USCF Members) Special Section! Players over USCF 1000 will be in their own Section! Iowa City Public Library, Meeting Room A, 123 S. Linn Street, Iowa City, IA 52240. Reg: 11:30AM to 12:30PM TimeControl: G30 Rounds: First Round of Play begins at 1:00pm and we will try to fit in as many rounds in before 4:30. Each round will start as soon as possible. EntryFee: FREE! Prizes: Trophies awarded for each grade. Ribbons for all Players! Send Entry to: Eric Vigil at evigil@gmail.com.

Nov. 15. 2015 Millstream Beer and Blitz Championship. 6 round double swiss. G5 d2 to be played in the Millstream Beer Warehouse. Free Drink (beer or Soda) from the taproom with entry fee. Minors welcome with adult present. Prizes for Minors will be given to parents or be given in root beer, cream soda or cherry soda (hey its really good too!) Millstream Brewery in the Warehouse. Come to the Tap Room and there will be signs to the Warehouse. 835 48th St Amana , IA 52203 Reg: 10:30AM to 11:30AM. Rds: Round 1 12:00 all other rounds ASAP. EF: $10 Prizes: 1st Place Trophy and 12 pack of Millstream Beer. 2nd thru 4th place Medal and 6 pack of beer. Best U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200, U1000 and Unrated Medal and 6 pack of beer. USCF Membership Required. Send EF to: Eric G. Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246. 319-621-3116 evigil@gmail.com Additional Info: I think this is gonna be fun! I will say the playing conditions will be in a warehouse setting but to members of the Hawkeye Chess Club who are used to playing at the tobacco bowl, or on the ped mall of Iowa City you will be at home. Directions: Go to the Amanas, look for signs, if you can't find a sign to the Brewery, make a friend, ask for directions, they will tell you, its right up the street, its right around the corner, you will be there soon.

Nov. 21. 9th Annual Prairie Chess Series, Tournament #1 (USCF Rated) The first of three tournaments (11/21, 1/9, & 2/6). Four sections will be held: K-2, K-5, K-8, and K-12. Sections K-2 and K-5 will play 5 Games with time control of 30 minutes per player per game. Sections K-8 and K-12 will play 4 games with time control of 45 minutes per player per game. Cafeteria, Prairie Point Middle School & 9th Grade Academy, 8015 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Reg: 8:30AM to 9:45AM Rds: K-2 and K-5: Round 1 at 10:15 am, Round 2 at 11:15 am, Lunch, Round 3 at 1:00 pm, Rounds 4 & 5 ASAP (estimated finish: 3:30, then trophies). K-8 and K-12: Round 1 at 10:15, Lunch, Round 2 at 12: 15 pm, Rounds 3 & 4 ASAP (estimated finish, 4:30 pm). EF: $15 if registered before tournament, $18 on site. $30 for all three tournaments (Play in 2, third one free) Register by email okay, pay on site. Credit cards accepted. Prizes: Tournament Trophies and Series Trophies for K-12, K-8, K-5, and K-2. Sections: Individual Tournament Trophies K-2: 1st - 3rd Overall, U400 (Top Score), U200 (Top 2 Scores), Unrated (Top 2 Scores); K-5: 1st - 6th Overall, Top score U600, 400, 200, and Unrated; K-8: 1st-6th Overall, Top Score U800, U600, U400, Unrated; K-12: 1st-3rd Overall, U800, U600, Unrated. First Tournament Players: Medals for all players participating in their first USCF Rated Tournament. Series trophies: Total score from all three events and three highest school total scores (all players) from all 3 events. Series class prizes (e.g. U600) based on rating in January supplement: Team Trophies: Top three team scores for K-2, K-5, K-8, and K-12 Individual Trophies: Trophies awarded for same categories as individual tournament trophies (only bigger) USCF Membership Required. Send EF to: James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pt. Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. 319-432-1459 james.hodina@chessiniowa.org Additional Info: http://www.chessiniowa.org Directions: This is the site of the Prairie Chess Camp. This building is south of the The Hotel at Kirkwood. Enter on north side next to tennis courts.

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Join the Iowa State Chess Association!

The Iowa State Chess Association is a non-profit organization devoted exclusively to the promotion of chess in Iowa.

Join or renew by sending dues to the IASCA Secretary:

Ron Nurmi
1424 E. Walnut St. Apt. 4
Des Moines, IA 50316

Membership Dues:

Regular	$10 for 1 year
	$20 for 2 years
Patron:	$25 per year
Affiliates:	$15 per year
Family:	$20 per year
Library:	$25 per year

Hello From the Editor:

Inside you will find contributions from: Ron Nurmi, Eric Vigil, Arshaq Saleem, Robert Keating, James Hodina, GM Alex Yermolinsky, NM Pete Karagianis, Christian Schmitz, and Mark Capron. Pictures from Iowa Open from Mark Capron. Picture from Peoria Christian Schmitz.

Congrats to IM Angelo Young, IM Michael Brooks, NM Pete Karagianis, and NM Gopal Menon for winning the Iowa Open!

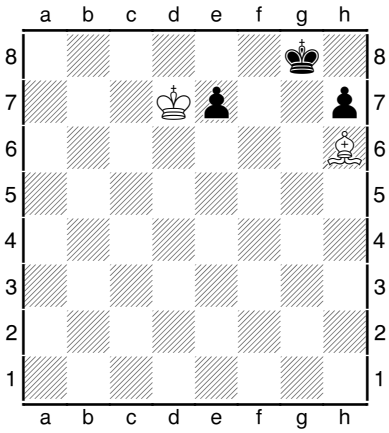
Inside you will find annotated games from Arshaq Saleem, Robert Keating, GM Yermolinsky, James Hodina, NM Pete Karagianis, and Mark Capron.

Due to the size of the Iowa Open it was not possible to publish all the games in this issue so there will be a supplement that can be found online that will contain all of the games. This should be available sometime in November.

My apologies for the lateness of this issue. Many things contributed, but I plan to be back on the normal schedule for next issue. Deadline for contributions is December 10, publication date is in January.

As always when you see chess news please submit it. —Mark Capron

Puzzle Time:



White to move and mate in three

From Sam Smith

I noticed in the July En Passant that there was a typo in my ***Trick or Trap*** article. It should have read "...failed to execute the K+N+B vs. K mate in a game" instead of K+B vs. K. Thank you.

From Jose Castro

Correction to the Puzzle Time issue 55-2. Mr. Castro from Puerto Rico points out that the solution on page 39 started with the move e7 which is impossible. Here are his notes on solving the problem.

1.♖d3+ ♔e4 (1. ♘ ♗d4 2.♖×d4#) **2.f3+ ♔f4 3.♕×e5+ ♔×e5 4.♗b8#** or **1.♖d3+ ♔c4 2.♗e6 ♔b4** (2. ♘ ♔b5 3.♖b3+ ♔b5 4.♗d7# or e8=♕#) **3.♖b3+ ♔a4 4.♗d7** or **e8=♕#.**

1.e8=♕ ♘e7 2.♖d3+ (2.♕d8 ♗d6 3. ♕d×d6 ♔c4 4.♕c5#) **♗d4 3.♖×d4#.**

Thank you Mr. Castro for the correction.

Dec. 5. The Advent Gambit For K-12 Chessplayers. Tournament will be Round-Robin, with students playing all players at their age-group table.** PLEASE HELP BY BRINGING CHESS SETS, BOARDS AND CLOCKS.** Prince of Peace Schools, 312 South Fourth Street (parking at 4th St/ South 5th Ave), Clinton, IA 52732. Reg: 8:30AM to 8:45AM TimeControl: NA Rounds: 9:00 am Matches Begin! Trophies at 1:00 – 3:00 as age-groups finish. EntryFee: $5 Prizes: All participants will get a Chess medallion. Winners in each age-group category will get trophies! USCF Membership Required. Send EF to: Katharine Atkinson Prince of Peace Catholic School, Clinton, IA 52732. 563-343-5888. katharine.atkinson@staff.prince.pvt.k12.ia.us. Additional Info: Please Register for the tournament before Thanksgiving. A Chess Club benefactor will help pay for student memberships, as needed. ** PLEASE HELP BY BRINGING CHESS SETS, BOARDS AND CLOCKS.** Students and their families will have a "noisy" room with Snacks, Pop and Lunch Pizza for sale. Chess matches will be held in a Quiet Game Room.

Dec. 5. 2015-16 Iowa Individual Grades Championship K-12 The Iowa State Chess Association is pleased to host the Iowa Individual Grades State Championships. Compete against opponents only in your grade during this four round tournament. West High School, 2901 Melrose, Iowa City, IA 52246. Reg: 9:00AM to 9:45AM TimeControl: Grades K-5: G/30 d5; 6-12: G/45 d5 Rds: Grades K through 5, 10:00 am, 11:15, 12:45, Round 4 ASAP. Grades 6-12, 10:00 am, ASAP, Lunch, Round 3: 1:30pm, & Rd 4 ASAP. EF: $15 if registered by 12/1/2015, $20 at site. Prizes: Prizes for each grade. Trophies for 1st through 3rd place and medals for 4th through 6th place. Medals for those participating in their first chess tournament USCF Membership Required. Send EF to: Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246. evigil@gmail.com Additional Info: Online Registration available at www.onlineregistration.cc. Half-point bye available any round, if requested before Round 1. Pre-register by contacting Eric Vigil at evigil@gmail.com Please include Name, USCF ID #, and grade. Register online at www.onlineregistration.cc.

Dec. 19 Keokuk Christian Academy's 1st Rated Tournament Keokuk Christian Academy, 1578 Hilton Rd. Keokuk, IA 52632. Reg: 8:00AM to 8:45AM TimeControl: In 2 Sections K-3: 5SS, G30; K-8: 5SS, G30 Rds: 9am, 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm. Prizes: K-3 Trophies for top 3; K-8 Prizes: Trophies for top 3. USCF Membership Required. Send EF to: Doug Campbell, PO Box 46, Elvaston, IL 62334. 319-795-0516 idougcampbell@gmail.com

Dec. 28. Anti Hunger Games III RBO. For the holidays for kids and adults wanting to spread some Holiday Love to their fellow human beings. Prizes are sparce, but the idea is to play chess and raise money and gather food for the homeless. Bring a Can if you Can! This year we added an unrated section just for the fun of it. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 325 Melrose, Iowa City, IA 52246. Reg: 8:30AM to 9:30AM TimeControl: G30 d5 for U1200 5 rounds and Open (over 1200) G45 d5 Rounds: Rated Beginners: 10:00am 12:00, then ASAP. Open: 10:00am 12:30pm then ASAP EF: $10. Prizes: Medals 1st thru 5th for U1200; Medals 1st thru 3rd for Open. USCF Membership Required. Send EF to: Eric G. Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246. 319-621-3116 evigil@gmail.com Additional Info: Proceeds go to the Johnson County Crisis Center. If fewer than 8 participants in the Open section rounds will switch to a G60 d5 format with Rounds at 10:00, 1:00pm and ASAP.

Jan. 2, 2016. 8th Annual Holiday Swiss. 4-SS, G/75 + 5 sec delay. Open to all. Price Chopper, 15500 Hickman Road Clive, IA 50325. Reg: 9:00AM to 9:45AM. Rds: 10-1-4-7, One half-point bye allowed, players entering after the start of round 1 will receive one half-point bye. EF: $10 Prizes: b/16: 1st-$50, 2nd-$40, 3rd-$30 USCF Membership Required. Send EF to: Mathew Jacob, 3411 Linworth Lane, Des Moines, IA 50315. Additional Info: No smoking. Wheelchair accessible. Free parking. Please bring your pen, set, board, and clock. Please turn off your cell phone before you start your game. Skittles, analysis, and bughouse need to be out of the meeting room. Directions: Ask an employee where the playing hall is.

Jan. 9, 2016. 9th Annual Prairie Chess Series, Tournament #2 (USCF Rated) . See tournament #1 on page 2 for details.

Jan. 16 2016 Iowa High School & K-8 State Championships Tournaments (USCF Denker & Barber Qualifying Event). The Iowa State Chess Association is pleased to host Denker and Barber qualifying event to determine the High School and Grade K-8 Champion. Champions have the right to represent Iowa in the 2016 Denker Tournament of High School

Champions and Barber K-8 State Champions to be held in Indianapolis, August, 2016. The Denker is open to high school students (9-12) only. Barber is open to students in grades K-8 only. Students must be under 19 as of 9/1/2016. TBD Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. Reg: 9:00AM to 9:45AM TimeControl: G/60 d5. Rounds: 10:00, 12:30, Games 3 & 4 ASAP. If there are less than 8 players, TD reserves the right to cancel round 4. EF: $15 if registered by 1/12/2016, $20 at site. Prizes: Trophies to Top 5 Overall. Denker: Top scores for USCF U1200, U1000, U800, U600 & Unrated. Barber: Top scores for USCF U1200, U1000, U800, U600, U400 & Unrated. Medals for first time tournament players. In the case of a tie for first place, a match will be held at mutually agreed upon time to determine the representative to the national event. USCF Membership Required. Send EF to: Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr. Iowa City, IA 52246. evigil@gmail.com Additional Info: Half-point bye available any round, if requested before Round 1. Register online at www.onlineregistration.cc. Pre-register by contacting Eric Vigil at evigil@gmail.com on or before 1/21/2016. Please include Name, USCF ID #, and grade.

Jan. 23. 2016 Winter Open. An IASCA Mini Qualifier. Open to all. 4-SS, G/45;i30. Accelerated pairings will likely be used. Physician Clinic of Iowa, Community Room (3rd Floor) 202 10th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. **Reg:** On site 8:30-9:30am **Rds:** Sat: 10, (Lunch) 1:15, 4:15, & 7:30. **EF:** $30 if postmarked by 1/18; $40 at Site; Jrs, Srs, and Out of State $5 Off. Prizes: $760 Based on 30 Entries: 1st = $200; 2nd = $125; 3rd = $75; U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200, & Unrated = $60, each. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **IASCA membership required**, $10. On-Site Available, OSA. **Send Entry Fee to:** IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245 or register online at https://onlineregistration.cc/ **Additional Info:** Byes: Late on-site registrations from 9:30 am to noon will be offered a ½ point bye. Only one ½ point bye available per player for the tournament. Byes for rounds 1-3 may be requested 30 minutes prior to round start time. Fourth round byes available during registration only. Free parking in ramp across street (park and enter directly on third floor). Chess Magnet School JGP.

Jan. 23 Weber Borlaug 10th Annual Chess Tournament USCF K-3 and K-6 sections. Limited to the first 150 entries. In honor of the 10th anniversary of the tournament, we will be having a raffle for special door prizes, and although the tournament will be free, one will have to be a USCF member, those 3rd grade and under competing in the 3rd grade and under section will get free USCF memberships for K-3 tournaments, and those over will be getting a discounted membership for $9 if for financial hardship, scholarships are available. Borlaug Elementary School, 1000 Kennedy Parkway, Coralville, IA 52241 Reg: 9:00AM to 9:45AM TimeControl: G/30 Rounds: 5 rounds, two sections. Games begin at 10:00am. 11am Lunch 12:30 then ASAP EntryFee: Free, but Limited to the First 150 entries. Please enter early to guarantee a spot! Prizes: Trophies to top 10 overall, top 5 female and 4 in each grade, and top 6 schools for k-6 Open section. USCF Membership Required. Send EF to: Eric Vigil, evigil@gmail.com Additional Info: Weber-Borlaug Girl Scouts will be providing food concessions on site.

Jan 30-31 2016. 2nd Annual Port of Burlington Open. Iowa State Qualifier Event. Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points 10 Enhanced. 5SS , G/90 i30. The Loft of Burlington, 416 Jefferson St., Burlington, IA 52601 **$500 Guaranteed**. Open $150+Trophy-100-75 U2000 $100 U1800 $75 Chess Book for top three Upsets; EF: $45 till Jan 28th then $55; $20 extra for players u1600 to play in open section. IM and GM free with ($45deductedfromprize). Iowa State Membership (if resident of Iowa) Req'd, Other States Welcome. Reg.: Ends 15 min before round 1. Rds.: Sat 10:00am; 2:30pm; 7:30pm; Sun 9:00am;2:00pm. All Sections One half point bye if requested before round1. Ent:Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246. evigil@gmail.com 319-6213116 or online at https://www.onlineregistration.cc/ Additional Info:USCF and FIDE Rated .Jan 2016 USCF Rating supplement will be used for Pairing Purposes .FIDE rules will be used. IASCA GP Qualifier Event.

Jan 30th 2016. Port of Burlington Reserve. 4-SS, G/60 d5. The Loft of Burlington, 416 Jefferson St., Burlington, IA 52601. EF $25, $30 After Jan 28th or onsite. Rds 10AM, 12:30pm, 3:45pm Asap. Prizes (b/15): $100 1st place, $75 second, $50 3rd. (60% payout) Chess Book for best upset, U1400 1st and 2nd. Board Raffle Prizes! Ent:Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246. evigil@gmail.com 319-6213116 or online at https://www.onlineregistration.cc/

Jan 30th 2016. Port of Burlington RBO. 5-SS, G/30 d5. The Loft of Burlington, 416 Jefferson St., Burlington, IA 52601. EF $15, $20 After Jan 28th or onsite. Rds: Sat 10, 11, 1pm, rounds 4 and 5 ASAP. Prizes: Trophies 1-5th place U1000, U800, U600 1st and 2nd U400 1st and 2nd, U200 1st and Unrated 1st and 2nd, Board Raffle Prizes! Free regular Scholastic membership if expired for all sections. Ent:Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246. evigil@gmail.com 319-6213116 or online at https://www.onlineregistration.cc/

Feb. 6, 2016. 9th Annual Prairie Chess Series, Tournament #3 (USCF Rated) . See tournament #1 on page 2 for details.

Feb. 13 2016 Iowa Individual-Play Scholastic Team Championships The Iowa State Chess Association is pleased to host the 2016 Scholastic Individual Team Chess Championship open to all schools with Grades K through 12. This event is played as a traditional open Swiss format tournament. Players from the same school will not play each other. Team scores are the total of the top 4 results of players from each team. Site to be announced. Ames, IA Reg: 8:30AM to 9:30AM TimeControl: Grades K-6: G/30, Grades 7-12 G/45, both with 5 second delay Rounds: K-6: 10 am, 11:15 am, Lunch, 12:30, Rounds 4 & 5 ASAP. Grades 7-12: 10 am, Lunch, Noon, Rounds 3 & 4 ASAP. EF: $15 if registered by February 11 (Thursday); $20 after 2/6 or on site. Online registration at: www.onlineregistration.cc. Prizes: Trophies for Top 5 K-6 Teams and Top 3 K-3 Teams; Top 3 K-9 Teams and Top 3 K-12 Teams. Individual Trophies for Top 4 Players of Winning Teams. Top 4 players' individual results added for team Score. Players scores that are counted toward placing in the K-6 section will not be counted toward the K-3 section prizes. Same for K-12 and K-9. Medals for first time tournament players. USCF Membership Required. Send EF to: James Hodina 3411 Blue Pointe Ct SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 319 -432-1459 james.hodina@chessiniowa.org Additional Info: (Register by email and then pay on-site is acceptable). For the team definition and eligible players, please see the chessiniowa.org website. IASCA Scholastic Championship Rules. For example, students may play for the school they will be attending in the future (e.g. elementary to junior high) provided at least half the team is of the school represented and sixth graders in middle school may play for their former K-5 elementary school.

Feb. 20. Iowa Girls Chess Championship. The Iowa State Chess Association is pleased to host the 2016 Iowa Girls Chess Championship. This is the IASCA qualifying event to represent Iowa at the USCF Girls National Chess Championship held in August at the US Open in Indianapolis. Ladd Library, Cedar Rapids Public Libraries, 3750 Williams Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Reg: 8:30AM to 9:30AM TimeControl: G/45 with 5 seconds delay Rounds: 10:00 - 12:15 - Rounds 3 and 4 ASAP. If at the end of the 4th round a playoff will be held with all the tied players to determine a champion at the mutual agreement of the players. Half-point bye available any round if requested before round 1. EntryFee: $15, if registered by 02/18/2016. $20 on site. Register by email and then pay on-site is acceptable. Prizes: Trophies to the top five overall. Top scores for USCF U800, U600, U400, U200 and Unrated. Participant medals for all players. USCF Membership Required. Send EF to: James Hodina 3411 Blue Pointe Ct SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52403 319 -432-1459 james.hodina@chessiniowa.org Additional Info: Advanced entries must be received by 2/18/2016 - email or post mail. Directions: Take Highway 30 to Williams Blvd exit (West of I-380). Travel into Cedar Rapids. Ladd Library is across the street from Westdale Mall behind Pizza Ranch. This is **NOT** the downtown library where the CR Chess Club meets.

Feb. 27. Iowa Scholastic Match-Play Team Championship. 4-SS - Match play format. There are three sections K-6, K-9, and K-12. This event is for the Iowa Elementary, High School, Junior High School Team Match-Play Chess Championships. This format requires the formation of teams of four players from the same school (or feeder school). Schools can enter as many four-player teams as they want. These four-player teams then play in a head-to-head match against each other simultaneously where the highest rated player on each team play, the second highest rated play, on down to the fourth highest rated players. The winner of the match is the team with the most wins (a match can be drawn if the result is 2-2). That win counts as one match point. Future rounds are paired on team match points and not individual results. Some say this resembles the format of a team tennis match. Northwest Jr. High (tentative) 1507 8th St, Coralville, IA 52241 Reg: 8:30AM to 9:30AM TimeControl: G/45 with 5 seconds delay Rounds: 10:00 a.m., Noon, 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m. EntryFee: $40 for a team of 4 players by March Feb 25, $50 on site Prizes: Team and team member trophies to top

3 teams in K-6, K-9, and K-12. Trophies to top score for each board. USCF Membership Required. Send EF to: James Hodina 34111 Blue Pointe Ct SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 319-432-145 james.hodina@chessiniowa.org Additional Info: Email james.hodina@chessiniowa.org (register by email and then pay on-site is acceptable). Teams scored on result of match result, win – draw – loss. Teams are comprised of 4 students in Elementary, K – 9, or K –12 (JHS/HS) attending the same Iowa school or feeder school. At least two students must attend the elementary, junior high, or high school team represented. 6th graders in middle school may play for former elementary team. Alternates allowed. Contact TD for eligibility of home school teams. Register online at www.onlineregistration.cc. Directions: Tournament will be played in MPR room.

Mar. 5-6 2016 Cedar Rapids Leather Jackets Open (IASCA GP Qualifier). 5-SS Open with Class prizes. G/90 + 30 sec. Physician Clinic of Iowa, Community Resource Center, Third Floor 202 10th Street SE , Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. Reg: 8:30AM to 9:30AM. Rds: Sat 10-2:30-7:15; Sun 9-2. EntryFee: $45 if registered on or before 2/28, $55 afterward or on-site. Register Online at https://www.onlineregistration.cc/ email registration to TD. Prizes: All Open Prizes ($730 b/16). 1st Place = $250 + trophy; 2nd Place = $175; 3rd Place = $125; U2000 & U1800 $90 each. USCF Membership Required available on site or at uschess.org. IASCA Membership Required ($10 regular; $25 patron). Send EF to: James Hodina 3411 Blue Pointe Ct. SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 319-432-1459 james.hodina@chessiniowa.org Additional Info: Free parking in ramp across street (park and enter directly on second floor) Directions: I-380 7th Street Exit. North on 1st Ave to 10th Street, west 2 blocks. FREE park in ramp on south side. Take 2nd level skywalk then elevator to 3rd floor Community Resource Center.

Mar. 5 2016 Cedar Rapids Leather Jackets Reserve. Under USCF 1600. 4SS, G/75 + 5 sec. Physician Clinic of Iowa, Community Room (3rd Floor) 202 10th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. Reg: 8:30AM to 9:30AM Rds: 10 AM, 1:15 PM, 4:15 PM, 7:15 PM EF: $25 if registered on or before 2/28, $35 afterward or on-site. Prizes (b/24): 1st = $140; 2nd = $90, U1400, U1200, U1000 = $45, each. Unrateds eligible for 1st and 2nd prizes only. USCF Membership Required available at site or at uschess.org. Send EF to: James Hodina 3411 Blue Pointe Ct. SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 319-432-1459 james.hodina@chessiniowa.org Additional Info: Free parking in ramp across street (park and enter directly on third floor). Directions: I-380 7th Street Exit. North on 1st Ave to 10th Street, west 2 blocks. FREE park in ramp on south side. Take skywalk on 3rd floor to Community Resource Center.

Apr. 2-3 2016 Iowa Class Championship & Iowa Closed Championship details TBA.

New and Returning Members:

Denison Christine (Patron)
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Kosokin Valeriy (Patron)
Patterson Steven O (Patron)
White Jim (Patron)
Willett Joseph (Patron)
Brown William (Patron)
Rector Rick (Patron)
Fiedorowicz Owen
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James Anson
Johnson Daniel
Luo Andy
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Pieper Eric
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Gail Takahashi (Family)
MichaelTakahashi (Family)
MinaTakahashi (Family)
Cotarlan Vlad (Family)
Ogrin Cristina (Family)
Ogrin-Cotarlan Andrew (Family)
Ogrin-Cotarlan Sarah (Family)

Port of Burlington Open
By NM Pete Karagianis

A long time ago in a Galaxy not so far away, I was a 19 year-old sophomore at Iowa State University. The year was 2002 and I had the chess fever where I wanted to play a tournament every day of the week (and sometimes did). I lived in an apartment with two other chess players, Femi Oyekan and Mike Parsons, and together we invented chess variants with questionable sets of rules which we then shared with other Cyclone Chess Club members who equalled our enthusiasm.

At any rate, under such conditions no tournament is too far and so, even after a soiree involving togas that ended sometime around 2am the night before, Parsons and I piled into his 1997 green Honda Civic and made our way to Burlington for the 2002 Burlington Open. I don't remember much other than somehow surviving the first three rounds with wins, including one against top seeded King Christian (2070), to face Wesley Ferguson in the final round with a half point lead on him and a full point on everyone else. Ferguson offered a quick draw around move 10 which I accepted and after the game we took a short walk along the Mississippi and Ferguson said something along the lines of, "Looks like you guys had fun last night." And I nodded in response.

Thirteen years pass and Eric Vigil invites me to play in the Port of Burlington Open. And while I don't remember much from the tournament, what I do recall is the town of Burlington itself: the quaint downtown district right on top of the Mississippi, the hills rising up from the river valley to bluffs with brick houses, and the slow roll of the train on a clear Sunday. I remember wanting a chance to explore it more. So, I accept.

I stay in the Mississippi Manor, an absolutely beautiful bed and breakfast on 4th Street, high above the river on one of the bluffs I wanted to walk along over a decade previously. This time,I go for lots of walks: to Digger's Rest downtown, to the boat docks and along the tin piers, and even to the tournament hall -- the same Iowa Welcome Center "Port of Burlington" where I had won previously.

Three days, a lecture, and fourteen rounds later (nine games of blitz Friday night would have pleased the 2002 version of me) I defend my Burlington title in much the same fashion: Joseph Wan, half a point behind with the field a full point behind, offers me a draw on move twenty. I think back to Ferguson, but don't take too much time before agreeing.

I found out Friday night before the start of the tournament that the would be the first tournament held in Burlington since 2002. I won't lie, for some reason it motivated me perhaps a bit more than usual. By winning, I would be a repeat, back to back champion… thirteen years apart. A fun story.

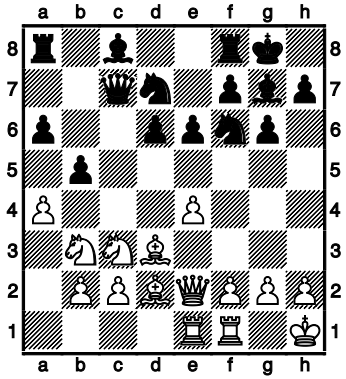
A quick note about my game analysis. The two games I want to present here I feel are both incredibly strategically complex. In round 3 against Neal, for example, I never felt comfortable. I never felt I truly understood the position. James admitted the same to me afterwards. As such, I want to give MY analysis. I will make my comments without the assistance of a computer first, then I will go back through and add notes with engine help where necessary or appropriate, leaving the original comments as they stand. I think this will be richer for the reader.

Port of Burlington Open
Round 3
W: James Neal (2143) - B: NM Petros Karagianis (2303)

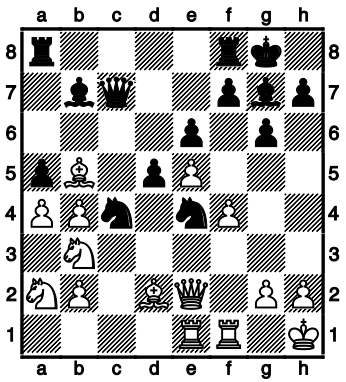
After a round 1 win and a nap I survived game 2 against Rithwik Mathur. I played a nice idea (e5! followed by f5!, in case Rithwik presents the game himself) to gain what I felt was a strong advantage but in time pressure allowed him activity that I should not have allowed. Suffice it to say, I survived to round three to face Neal. On board two, Brashaw and Keating took a quick draw after about ten minutes (I immediately joked with Robert that his posi-

tion was totally winning and what was he thinking!? ...it was, of course, dead equal) So, a win would give me a half point edge on my two closest competitors, rating-wise.

1. e4 c5 I rotate regularly between 1. ...e5 and 1. ...c5. I played 1. ...e5 against Neal in blitz on Friday night, however. **2. ♘f3 e6 3. d4 c×d4 4. ♘×d4 a6 5. ♘c3 ♕c7 6. ♗d3 ♘f6 7. ♕e2** One of the more flexible setups for white. **...d6 8. O-O ♘bd7 9. ♗d2 g6 10. ♖ae1 ♗g7 11. ♔h1** Sort of unnecessary, but white's intentions are clear. **...O-O 12. ♘b3 b5 13. a4** This

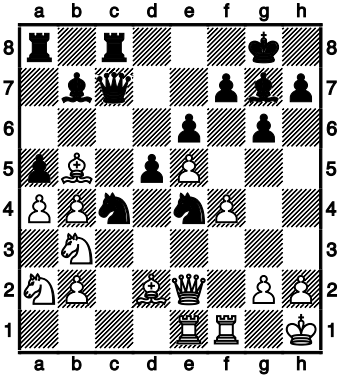


idea is familiar to me. I have faced it three times in serious tournament play: once against an expert in the 2012 Chicago Open, once against WGM Katerina Nemcova in this year's USAT North, and now here. My score, counting this game, is 2.5/3. My experience in the previous games taught me a valuable lesson: as much as possible, I should try to ignore whatever white tries on the queenside and go for a swift counterattack in the center. **...b4 14. ♘a2 a5 15. c3 ♘e5?!** 15. ...♘c5! was much stronger, but I thought my centralized knight would be very powerful. Already I had calculated following this up with ...Bb7 and ...d5 and I thought I would have sufficient counterplay for whatever pawn(s) white took on the queenside. 15... ♘c5 16. ♘×c5 d×c5 17. e5 ♘d5 The point here is that white's awkward knight on a2 is exposed. 18. c4 ♘e7 etc. **16. ♗b5 ♗b7 17. f3 d5** Playing for wild complications. 17. ...b×c3 was solid but, I thought, didn't seem to offer me much. Again, the theme is playing against the bad knight on a2 which I thought during the game should be done by active operations in the part of the board where that knight is not. **18. f4** 18. c×b4 d×e4 19. f×e4 ♘×e4 20. ♘×a5 ♘×d2 21. ♕×d2 ♖ad8 22. ♕f4 ♗a8 was one of my analysis lines -- and the reason I ate up so much time on these move sequences -- where I wasn't sure what was happening but my intuition told me that the bishops plus better coordination should be more valuable than the pawns it cost me. 18. e×d5 ♗×d5 black is better. **18... ♘c4 19. e5 ♘e4** 19... ♘×d2 is a very strong move I missed. 20. ♘×d2 (20. ♕×d2 ♘e4) 20... ♘h5 21. c×b4 ♗h6 **20. c×b4**



Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaand freeze. It was exactly at this moment that I had no idea what was happening in the game. I had eaten up far too much time on analysis variations (and gathering the courage to part with all of my queenside pawns) and my clock was low. I decided here to play the rest of the game on intuition and without calculating. So, what to do? Well, the greedy part of me wanted my pawn back, so I analyzed ♘e×d2 and then ♘×b2, but that is handily refuted by ♖b1. I felt that my knights on c4 and e4 were a strength, so even though I can grab white's bishop on d2 and have the two bishops plus coordination for the pawn(s) I've parted with, I wanted to keep my dynamic play. Ultimately I realized, white still needs 1-2 tem-

po to organize his position, so I started just putting my pieces on good squares. My idea was good... my execution was not perfect.} **...♖fc8** OK, I want to give

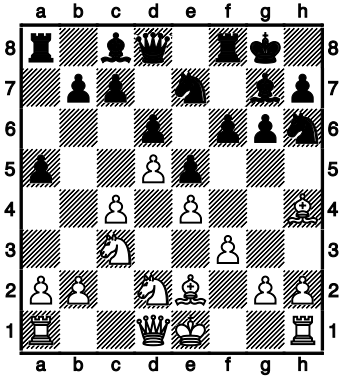


myself an ! for playing such a move in this position (in other words, avoiding any potential simplifying captures and leaving a second pawn hanging), but the fact is a little more calculation and a little less intuition might have discovered that ♖fb8! is in fact much stronger. The idea is to go ♗a6 or ♗c6 and trade white's superstar bishop holding everything on the queenside. 20... ♘e×d2 21. ♘×d2 ♘×b2 22. ♖b1. 20... ♕e7 was another move I considered, with plans of ♕h4, ♘×d2, and ♗h6. 20... f6 James and I had a very nice and lengthy post mortem where he suggested f6, and perhaps it's what I should have tried. As I told him at the time, I was concerned about fatally weakening the e6 square with his queen and rook on the e-file. 21. e×f6 ♗×f6 I took over as white in the post mortem and he played black. My variation went something like this: 22. ♗c3 ♗×c3 is what we analyzed, but there is a problem. (22... ♗h4 is the right way to go. 23. ♖c1 ♖×f4 and I again have no idea what is happening here. Let's say "dynamically equal.") 23. b×c3 (23. ♘×c3! exposes the weakness on e6. We were both too tired to realize the obvious at the time.) **21. ♖c1 ♕d8** 21... a×b4 22. ♗×b4 ♗a6! is actually very strong for black. The knights on c4/e4 remain well placed, I've only give up one pawn, and the white queenside is hard to maintain without the b5 bishop. In retrospect, this is how I should have played as I think the game continuation ultimately has to favor white. During the game, I didn't like the idea of a white bishop on b4, but what is it doing? Nothing yet. Again, though, I relied on intuition. ♕d8 unpins, potentially has ♕h4/♗h6 ideas, and keeps latent pressure on d2. **22. ♗×c4?** Apart from the fact that this is a blunder, I was very happy to see the superstar bishop finally exit the board. I'm not sure how I was able to recognize the strength of that bishop during the game but NOT recognize I should go ♗a6 and trade for it! **...d×c4 23. ♘×a5 ♖×a5?** Unnecessary. I should just go ♕×d2 right away. But I saw this ending was very easy, ♘d2-b3-a5 and then slowly improve. **24. b×a5 ♕×d2 25. ♘c3 ♕×e2 26. ♘×e2 ♘d2 27. ♖fd1 ♘b3 28. ♖c3 ♘×a5 29. ♘d4** (29. b4 mixed things up.) **29... ♖d8 30. ♖cc1 ♗d5 31. ♖b1 ♗h6 32. b4 c×b3 33. ♘×b3 ♘×b3** 34. ♖×b3 is met by ♗×g2+, so white resigned. **0-1**

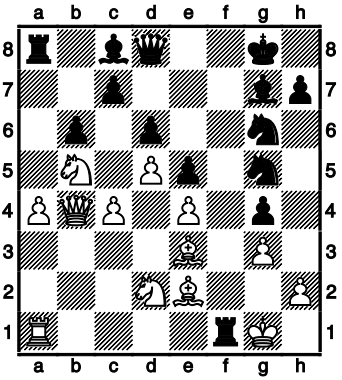
Port of Burlington Open
Round 4
W: NM Petros Karagianis - B: NM Dan Brashaw

Sunday morning, Wan took a bye and I was paired with NM Dan Brashaw. Dan and I have played several times previously, but at different ratings. We have a pretty fun series going, and this interesting game was a nice addition to it.

1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♘c3 ♗g7 4. e4 Dan faced my usual Smyslov System against Gokul Thangavel in round 2 and won a nice game. But more importantly, I believe I have used it against him in the past and so wanted to avoid any preparation. **...d6 5. ♗e2 O-O 6. ♘f3 e5 7. ♗e3** This is the first time I have ever played this move in tournament play in my life. I prepared it the night before. **...♘g4 8. ♗g5 f6 9. ♗h4 ♘c6 10. d5 ♘e7 11. ♘d2 ♘h6 12. f3** All preparation so far. **...a5**



An unexpected move. More common is the immediate ...g5. I had to spend some time here to determine 1) if there was a way to take advantage of ...a5 immediately and 2) if not, how to exploit it long term. Ultimately I decided on setups with Nb5, as the knight could not easily be driven away (no a6). **13. O-O** But first, castle. **...f5 14. ♘b5** 14. ♗f2 b6 15. ♘b5 was probably better, but since he hadn't driven my bishop away I decided to leave it there. **14... b6** 14... ♗d7 15. ♖c1 (15. ♕b3) 14... c6 15. ♘c3 The opening of the center/queenside and the weakening of d6 helps white. **15. b4?!** I think this move is strategically sound, but I wasn't entirely positive of the implications of a×b4 followed by f×e4. I intended to recapture ♘×e4. 15. a3 was my main alternative, but I thought I could save time and go a4 in one move instead of two. 15. ...f×e4 (15... f4 16. b4 ♗f6 17. ♗f2 g5 18. c5 In my analysis lines I thought white was winning here. My play is too fast with the knight on b5.) 16. ♘×e4 I actually wasn't totally sure which way to take here. (16. f×e4 ♖×f1+ 17. ♘×f1 Black is sort of frozen! So this looks stronger in retrospect) 16... ♘hf5 17. ♗f2 ♗d7 Here I thought my b4/a5/c5 stuff was slowed down, but I can simply go ♘bc3 and proceed. **15... a×b4 16. ♕b3 ♘f7** 16... f×e4 was the move I expected. In that case, I thought my knight on b5 would be useful, keeping an eye on d4. For example: 17. ♘×e4 ♘hf5 18. ♗f2 ♗d7 19. ♕×b4 was my main analysis line, and now I saw black might try ♘d4 anyway, but I thought white was fine: ♘d4 20. ♗d3 (20. ♘×d4 e×d4 21. a4) 20... ♘ef5 21. a4 Same strategic idea: a5, a×b6, etc. **17. ♕×b4 g5 18. ♗f2 g4 19. f×g4 f×g4 20. a4** 20. ♗h4! was a move I considered and, apparently, should have played, slowing down black's kingside plans. **20... ♘g6 21. g3 ♘g5 22. ♗e3** I calculated this position and thought I was totally safe and now could proceed with a5 as planned. **...♖×f1+** Apparently,



however, black has a very deep and difficult to see sacrifice: 22... ♘f4 23. g×f4 e×f4 24. ♗d4 ♗×d4+ 25. ♘×d4 f3 26. ♗d1 ♕f6 27. ♕c3 ♕h6 28. ♖a2 I don't mind overlooking such a move (22. ...♘f4). I think I played strategically sound ideas and if black has to give up a piece to keep the balance, then in general my assessment of things was accurate. **23. ♗×f1 ♗h6** This is actually the exact variation I expected black to play after 16. ...♘f7. So here I trusted my calculation and quickly and confidently played: **24. ♔h1!** sidestepping any checks from the g5 knight, which is now pinned. **...♘f8 25. a5 ♘d7 26. ♕c3 ♘c5 27. a×b6 ♖×a1** I calculated a fun queen sacrifice: 27... ♘g×e4 28. ♖×a8 (28. ♘×e4 ♖×a1 29. ♕×a1 ♗×e3 30. b×c7) 28... ♘×c3 29. b×c7 ♕d7 30. ♘a7 (30. ♗×h6 ♘×b5 31. c×b5 ♕×c7 32. b6 doesn't quite work-- ♕b7) 30... ♕×c7 31. ♗×h6) **28. ♕×a1 c×b6 29.♕a8** But unfortunately this pin is too difficult for black. **...♕f8 30. ♘×d6** The finishing move. **...♘g×e4 31. ♗×h6 ♘×g3+ 32. ♔g1** Black resigns

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6/6-7/15 Burlington, IA TD: Bill Broich
ATD: Eric Vigil

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1	Karagianis, Petros	IL	2305*	2313*	W19	W13	W5	W4	D3	4.5
2	Keating, Robert F	IA	2206*	2209*	W11	W10	D4	D5	W9	4.0
3	Wan, Joseph Cheng	IA	2091*	2110*	W20	W15	W6	H0	D1	4.0
4	Brashaw, Daniel	IA	2226*	2223*	W16	W7	D2	L1	W14	3.5
5	Neal, James Alex,	IA	2143*	2145*	W26	W9	L1	D2	W15	3.5
6	Reynolds, Robert	IA	2081*	2057*	W21	D14	L3	W19	D12	3.0
7	Thangavel, Gokul	IA	1960*	1944*	W22	L4	D18	W20	D8	3.0
8	Hesse, Thomas	IA	1868*	1868*	H0	D12	W11	D14	D7	3.0
9	Herr, John Edward	IA	1849*	1849*	W24	L5	W25	W17	L2	3.0
10	Townsend, Kevin	IA	1803*	1805*	W29	L2	L12	W21	W13	3.0
11	Rector, Richard	IA	1506*	1547*	L2	W29	L8	W26	W17	3.0
12	Blokhin, Ilya	IA	1563/03	1787/08	D18	D8	W10	D13	D6	3.0
13	Mathur, Rithwik	WI	1884*	1863*	W28	L1	W23	D12	L10	2.5
14	Takahashi, Michael	IA	1745*	1755*	W25	D6	D17	D8	L4	2.5
15	Kolb, Scott W	IL	1726*	1724*	W27	L3	H0	W22	L5	2.5
16	Dunn, Carl E	IA	1562*	1538*	L4	L23	H0	W28	W22	2.5
17	Garrett, Daniel Z	IL	1650*	1628*	W23	D18	D14	L9	L11	2.0
18	Power, Clive Scott	IA	1623*	1645*	D12	D17	D7	H0	U0	2.0
19	Willett, Joseph	IL	1589*	1568*	L1	D22	W28	L6	D20	2.0
20	Kozich, Andrew J	IA	1355*	1376*	L3	W27	H0	L7	D19	2.0
21	Gatton, Albert A	IA	1350*	1336*	L6	L25	W29	L10	W24	2.0
22	Felgar, Stan	IA	1266*	1287*	L7	D19	W24	L15	L16	1.5
23	Vigil, Barry	IA	1139*	1200*	L17	W16	L13	H0	U0	1.5
24	Powers, Edmund J	IL	1200*	1200*	L9	D26	L22	W27	L21	1.5
25	Power, Josiah Tho	IA	1096*	1152*	L14	W21	L9	H0	U0	1.5
26	Capron, Mark	IA	1399*	1342*	L5	D24	H0	L11	L27	1.0
27	Shukla, Abhyudaya	IA	1159*	1161*	L15	L20	U0	L24	W26	1.0
28	Vigil, Eric Golf	IA	1203*	1190*	L13	H0	L19	L16	U0	0.5
29	Power, Matthew S	IA	1150*	1131*	L10	L11	L21	H0	U0	0.5

Puzzle Time Answer: **1.♔e6 ♔h8 2.♔f7 e5 3.♗g7#**

Willett,Joseph (1589) − Karagianis,P (2305) [D02] (1)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 d5 3.♗f4 c5 4.c3 ♘c6 5.e3 ♕b6 6.♕b3 c4 7.♕×b6 a×b6 8.h3 b5 9.♗e2 ♗f5 10.♘bd2 h6 11.0-0 b4 12.♖fc1 e6 13.♘e5 b×c3 14.b×c3 ♗a3 15.♖f1 ♗b2 16.♖ae1 ♗×c3 17.♘ef3 ♖×a2 18.♖d1 0-0 19.g4 ♗g6 20.g5 h×g5 21.♗×g5 ♘e4 22.♘×e4 0-1

Blokhin,Ilya (1563) − Mathur,Rithwik (1884) [E61] (1)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.♘f3 0-0 5.♗g5 d6 6.e3 ♘bd7 7.♗d3 c6 8.♕c2 ♕c7 9.0-0 e5 10.h3 a6 11.♖fd1 ♖e8 12.b4 b5 13.c×b5 c×b5 14.♘e4 ♕c2 15.♗×c2 ♘×e4 16.♗×e4 ♖b8 17.♗c6 f6 18.♗h4 g5 19.♗g3 ♖e7 20.d×e5 d×e5 21.♗×d7 ♗×d7 22.♖d6 ♖a8 23.♖ad1 ♖a7 24.♘d2 ♕f7 25.♘e4 ♗e6 26.a3 ♗f8 27.f4 e×f4 28.e×f4 ♗b3 29.♖×f6+ ♔g7 30.♖d8 ♗f7 31.♖×f7+ ♔×f7 32.♘×g5+ ♔g7 33.♘×h7 ♔×h7 34.♖×f8 ♔g7 ½-½

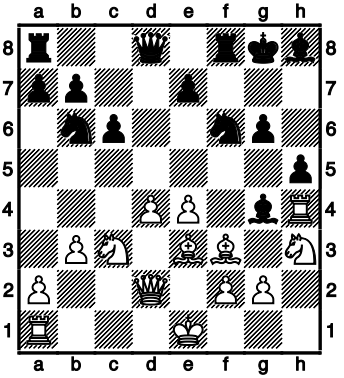
Rector,Richard (1506) − Keating,Robert (2206) [B07] (1)
1.f4 g6 2.♘f3 ♗g7 3.e4 d6 4.♗c4 e6 5.0-0 ♘f6 6.♕e2 0-0 7.♗b3 c5 8.c3 b6 9.d3 ♗b7 10.♘bd2 ♘c6 11.f5 e×f5 12.♘g5 ♕e7 13.♘×f7 ♖×f7 14.♗×f7+ ♔×f7 15.♘f3 ♔g8 16.♗g5 f×e4 17.♖ae1 ♖e8 18.♗×f6 ♗×f6 19.d×e4 ♘e5 20.♘×e5 ♗×e5 21.♕c4+ ♔g7 22.♖e3 ♗c8 23.♖ef3 ♗e6 24.♕a4 ♖b8 25.♕c2 b5 26.b3 ♕h4 27.g3 ♕e7 28.♕d2 a5 29.b4 a×b4 30.c×b4 ♗c4 31.♖b1 ♗d4+ 32.♔g2 ♕×e4 33.♖e1 ♕b7 34.♕f4 ♗d5 35.♕×d6 ♗×f3+ 36.♔h3 0-1

Brashaw,Dan (2226) − Dunn,Carl (1562) [B40] (1)
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 g6 5.♘c3 ♗g7 6.♘db5 ♕e7 7.♘c7+ ♔f8 8.♘×a8 ♗f6 9.f4 ♗×c3+ 10.b×c3 d5 11.♕d4 ♘f6 12.♕×a7 ♘c6 13.♕a3 ♘×e4 14.♘b6 ♔g7 15.♕×e7 ♘×e7 16.c4 1-0

Reynolds,Robert (2081) − Gatton,A (1350) [A40] (1)
1.c4 g6 2.♘f3 ♗g7 3.♘c3 e6 4.d4 h6 5.e4 d6 6.♗e3 c6 7.d5 ♗×c3+ 8.b×c3 e5 9.c5 ♘f6 10.♗c4 ♘×e4 11.d×c6 ♘×c6 12.♕d5 ♗e6 13.♕×e4 ♗×c4 14.♕×c4 d5 15.♕b3 g5 16.♖d1 d4 17.0-0 ♕e7 18.c×d4 0-0 19.♘×e5 ♘×e5 20.d×e5 ♕×e5 21.♗d4 ♕c7 22.♕h3 ♔h7 23.♕f5+ ♔g8 24.♕f6 1-0

Oh...the Pain!
Annotations by M. Capron

Neal II,James (2143) − Capron,Mark (1399) [D85] (1)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.c×d5 ♘×d5 5.♗d2 [This is a move I had not prepared for and is the first time I have encountered in a live game.] **5...♗g7 6.e4 ♘b6 7.♗e3 c6** [7...0-0 is the main move, almost the only move in my databases.] **8.♗e2 0-0 9.♕d2 ♗e6** [up to this point we have followed Kitte, S (2305) − Thiel, T (2345) from 1998 that ended in a draw.] **10.b3** [10.♘f3 was played in the Kitte game.] **10...♘8d7 11.h4?!** [11.♘f3] **11...♘f6 12.h5** [embarking on a plan to rip my kingside open. Will it work?] **12...♗h8?** [If I play like this it will! 12...g×h5! keeping the balance.] **13.♗f3** [restoring some equality. 13.♘f3] **13...♗g4** [right square, wrong piece! 13...♘g4] **14.h×g6 f×g6 15.♖h4** [15.♗h6 is stronger.] **15...h5 16.♘h3?** [and the door opens for Black.]



16...♗×f3! 17.g×f3 ♘h7? [17...e5!] **18.♖f4?** [18.e5!] **18...♕d7 19.♖×f8+ ♖×f8 20.♘f4** [20.♘g1 is better.] **20...♘g5! 21.♔e2?** [21.0-0-0] **21...♘×f3 22.♕c1−+ g5?** [and this is why I am low rated!! 22...♘×d4+!] **23.♘g6 ♘×d4+ 24.♗×d4 ♕g4+?** [and even worse on Black's part. White is right back in this thing. 24...♕×d4. How does one miss this?] **25.♔d2 ♗×d4 26.♘×f8 ♕f4+** [and there went the whole advantage. 26...♔×f8] **27.♔d3 ♗×c3 28.♕×f4 g×f4 29.♔×c3 ♔×f8 30.♖h1 ♘d7 31.♖×h5 ♕f7 32.♖f5+ ♔e6 33.♖×f4 ♘f6 34.f3 b6 35.♖f5 a6 36.a4 ♘d5+ 37.♔d4 ♘b4 38.♖h5 c5+ 39.♔c3 ♘c6 40.f4 ♔d6 41.♖h6+ ♔d7 42.f5 b5 43.♖e6 ♘b4 44.a×b5 a×b5 45.♖b6 1-0**

Thangavel,Gokul (1960) − Brashaw,Dan (2226) [E61] (2)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.♘f3 0-0 5.♗g5 d6 6.e3 ♘bd7 7.♗e2 h6 8.♗h4 g5 9.♗g3 ♘h5 10.♕c2 e6 11.0-0 f5 12.♘d2 ♘×g3 13.h×g3 e5 14.d×e5 ♘×e5 15.♖fd1 ♕f6 16.♘d5 ♕f7 17.♖ac1 c6 18.♘c3 ♗e6 19.♘f3

♖ad8 20.b3 ♘g4 21.♘d4 ♗c8 22.♗×g4 f×g4 23.♕e2 h5 24.♘e4 ♕g6 25.♘d2 h4 26.♘f1 ♖f7 27.♕c2 ♕h6 28.c5 d5 29.b4 ♗e5 30.f4 g×f3 31.g×f3 h×g3 32.♕g2 ♗h3 33.♕e2 ♖h7 **0-1**

Takahashi,Michael (1745) − Reynolds,Robert (2081) [B12] (2)
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 h5 4.h4 ♗g4 5.f3 ♗d7 6.c4 e6 7.♘c3 ♗b4 8.♗d2 ♘h6 9.c×d5 c×d5 10.♗d3 a6 11.♘ge2 ♘c6 12.♗e3 ♕b6 13.♕d2 ♖c8 14.♖c1 ♘a5 15.♘g3 ♘c4 16.♗×c4 ♖×c4 17.a3 ♗e7 18.♗×h6 ♖×h6 19.♘ge2 ♕d8 20.g3 f6 21.f4 ♔f8 22.♔f1 ♔g8 23.♔g2 ♖g6 24.♔f2 f×e5 25.f×e5 ♖g4 26.♘d1 ♕f8+ 27.♔g2 ♕f5 28.♘f2 g5 29.♘×g4 h×g4 30.♕e3 g×h4 31.g×h4 ♗e8 32.♘g3 ♖c2+ 33.♖×c2 ♕×c2+ 34.♕f2 ♕g6 35.h5 ♕g5 36.h6 ♔h7 37.♘e2 ♗g6 38.♔g3 ♗e4 39.♖h2 ♗f3 40.♘g1 ♗c5 41.♘×f3 g×f3+ 42.♔×f3 ♕f5+ 43.♔g2 ♕g4+ 44.♕g3 ♕e2+ 45.♕f2 ½-½

Keating,Robert (2191) − Townsend,Kevin (1798) [B78] (2)
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.♗e3 ♗g7 7.f3 0-0 8.♕d2 ♘c6 9.♗c4 ♗d7 10.♗b3 ♕c7 11.0-0-0 ♖fc8 12.♔b1 a5 13.♘db5 ♕d8 14.♘a4 ♖a6 15.♘ac3 ♘e5 16.a4 ♘c4 17.♗×c4 ♖×c4 18.b3 ♖c8 19.♗d4 ♖ac6 20.g4 ♗e6 21.h4 h5 22.g5 ♘d7 23.♗×g7 ♔×g7 24.♕d4+ ♔g8 25.f4 ♕b6 26.♕×b6 ♘×b6 27.♖d3 ♖c5 28.♔b2 ♔f8 29.♖h2 d5 30.♘d4 ♗d7 31.♖hd2 d×e4 32.♘×e4 ♖d5 33.c4 ♘×c4+ 34.b×c4 ♖×c4 35.♘c3 ♖d6 36.♔b3 ♖b4+ 37.♔a3 ♖db6 38.♘db5 ♗×b5 39.a×b5 ♖d6 40.♖×d6 e×d6 41.♖×d6 ♖×f4 42.♖d8+ ♔g7 43.♘d5 ♖×h4 44.♘f6 1-0

Dunn,Carl (1562) − Vigil,Barry (1211) [C50] (2)
1.e4 e5 2.♗c4 ♘f6 3.d3 ♘c6 4.♘f3 ♗c5 5.0-0 0-0 6.♘c3 d6 7.h3 ♗e6 8.♗g5 h6 9.♗×f6 ♕×f6 10.♘d5 ♕g6 11.♔h1 ♖ac8 12.♕e2 ♖fe8 13.c3 f6 14.♘e3 ♗×c4 15.♘×c4 ♖f8 16.♘e3 ♘d8 17.♘f5 d5 18.b4 ♗d6 19.♘3h4 ♕f7 20.♕g4 ♔h7 21.♘×d6 c×d6 22.♘f5 ♖×c3 23.♘×d6 ♕e6 24.♕×e6 ♘×e6 25.♖ad1 d×e4 26.d×e4 b6 27.♖c1 ♖d3 28.♖cd1 ♖×d1 29.♖×d1 ♖d8 30.♔g1 ♘g5 31.f3 ♘f7 32.♖d5 ♖×d6 33.♔f2 ♖×d5 34.e×d5 ♘d6 35.♔e3 a5 36.b×a5 b×a5 37.g3 ♔g6 38.g4 ♔f7 39.♔d3 ♔e7 40.h4 ♘b7 41.♔e4 ♘d6+ 42.♔d3 ♔d7 43.h5 ♔c7 44.♔c3 ♔b6 45.a4 ♔c5 46.♔d3 ♔×d5 0-1

Felgar,Stan (1266) − Willett,Joseph (1602) [D02] (2)
1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.c3 ♗g4 4.♘bd2 e6 5.g3 h6 6.♗g2 ♗e7 7.♘e5 ♗f5 8.♕b3 b6 9.♕a4+ ♘fd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.b4 ♘×e5 12.d×e5 ♘d7 13.f4 c5 14.♗a3 ♕c7 15.♖ac1 c4 16.♘f3 ♗e4 17.♘d4 ♗×g2 18.♔×g2 ♖fc8 19.♕c2 a6 20.♕d2 b5 21.♗b2 ♗d8 22.♕e3 ♘b8 23.g4 ♘c6 24.♘f3 ♕b7 25.♔g1 ♗b6 26.♘d4 ♘×d4 27.c×d4 a5 28.♕g3 a×b4 29.f5 c3 30.♗a1 ♗×d4+ 31.♔g2 ♖×a2 32.g5 ♖×e2+ 33.♔h3 ♖e3 34.♖f3 ♗×e5 35.♕g4 ♖c4 36.♕g2 d4 37.♖cf1 h×g5 38.f×e6 f×e6 39.♕g4 ♕e4 40.♕h5 ♖×f3+ 41.♖×f3 ♖c8 42.♕f7+ ½-½

Gatton,Albert A (1350) − Power,Josiah (1096) [A22] (2)
1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.e4 ♗b4 4.♘ge2 d6 5.g3 ♗g4 6.h3 ♗f3 7.♖g1 ♗×e4 8.♘×e4 ♘×e4 9.♗g2 ♘c5 10.♘c3 ♘c6 11.a3 ♗×c3 12.b×c3 ♕d7 13.d4 e×d4 14.c×d4 ♕e7+ 15.♗e3 ♘d7 16.♕e2 ♘f6 17.0-0-0 0-0 18.♖ge1 d5 19.c5 ♖fe8 20.♕d2 ♕d7 21.g4 b6 22.♗g5 ♖e6 23.c×b6 a×b6 24.♗×f6 ♖×f6 25.♕e3 ♖e6 26.♕b3 ♘×d4 27.♕×d5 ♕×d5 28.♗×d5 ♖×e1 29.♖×e1 ♖d8 30.♖e7 ♘e6 31.♗×e6 f×e6 32.♖×c7 ♖d3 33.h4 ♖×a3 34.♖c6 ♖a4 35.f3 ♖f4 36.♖c3 e5 37.♖e3 h6 38.♔c2 ♔f7 39.♔d3 ♔e6 40.♔e2 h5 41.♖b3 h×g4 42.♖×b6+ ♔f5 43.♖b7 g×f3+ 44.♔f2 ♖×h4 45.♖f7+ ♔e4 46.♖×f3 ♖h2+ 47.♔f1 ♔×f3 0-1

Karagianis,Petros (2303) − Mathur,Rithwik (1864) [E70] (2)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘ge2 0-0 6.♘g3 ♘c6 7.d5 ♘e5 8.♗e2 c5 9.0-0 a6 10.f4 ♘ed7 11.a4 ♖e8 12.♖a3 ♕c7 13.♗e3 b6 14.♕d2 ♘f8 15.♔h1 h5 16.e5 d×e5 17.f5 h4 18.f×g6 f×g6 19.♘ge4 ♗f5 20.♗d3 ♕d7 21.♕c2 e6 22.♗g5 ♘8h7 23.♗×h4 ♖f8 24.♖aa1 ♖f7 25.♘×f6+ ♗×f6 26.♗×f6 ♖×f6 27.♘e4 ♖f7 28.a5 ♖af8 29.♖fe1 e×d5 30.c×d5 ♗×e4 31.♗×e4 ♖f2 32.♕c3 ♕f7 33.h3 ♕f4 34.♗×g6 ♘g5 35.d6 ♖×g2 36.♔×g2 ♕f2+ 37.♔h1 ♘f3 38.♕c4+ ♔h8 39.♖e2 ♕g3 40.♕g4 1-0

Herr,John (1849) − Neal II,James (2143) [B43] (2)
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 a6 5.♗d3 ♘f6 6.0-0 ♕c7 7.♘c3 b5 8.a3 ♗b7 9.♘de2 ♘c6 10.h3 ♘e5 11.♗f4 d6 12.♖c1 ♖d8 13.♔h1 ♘c4 14.♗×c4 ♕×c4 15.f3 ♗e7 16.♕d3 ♕c5 17.♗e3 ♕c7 18.♗f4 ♘d7 19.♕e3 ♘e5 20.b3 h6 21.♖fd1 0-0 22.♕f2 ♖d7 23.♕g3 ♘g6 24.♗e3 ♔h7 25.♕f2 ♕c8 26.a4 ♖c7 27.a×b5 ♖×c3 28.♘×c3 ♕×c3 29.b×a6 ♗×a6 30.♗d4 ♕c6 31.♗b2 f5 32.e×f5 ♖×f5 33.♖a1 ♗b7 34.♖a4 ♘f4 35.♖f1 e5 36.♖c4 ♕d5 37.♖c7 ♖f7 38.c4 ♕d3 39.♖×b7 ♗h4 40.♖×f7 ♗×f2 41.♖×f2 ♕d1+ 42.♔h2 ♕e1 43.♖c2 ♕d1 44.♗×e5 d×e5 45.♖b2 ♘e2 46.♖×e2 ♕×e2 47.♖b7 ♕d2 48.♖b5 ♔g6 49.♖b6+ ♔f5 50.♖b5 ♕f4+ 51.♔g1 ♔g5 52.♔h1 ♔h4 53.♖b6 ♔g3 54.♖g6+ ♔f2 0-1

Brashaw,Daniel (2226) − Keating ,Robert (2206) [B06] (3)
1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♗e3 d6 4.♘c3 a6 5.♕d2 ♘d7 6.h4 h5 7.♘h3 ♘gf6 8.f3 ½-½

Hesse,Thomas (1868) − Rector,Richard (1518) [A40] (3)
1.c4 e6 2.♘c3 b6 3.e4 ♗b7 4.d4 ♗b4 5.♗d3 c5 6.d5 e5 7.♕g4 ♘f6 8.♕×g7 ♖g8 9.♕h6 ♖g6 10.♕h4 ♖g4 11.♕h3 d6 12.♕f3 ♗×c3+ 13.b×c3 ♗c8 14.h3 ♖g6 15.g4 ♔e7 16.♘e2 h6 17.♘g3 ♕g8 18.♘f5+ ♗×f5 19.e×f5 1-0

Garrett,Daniel (1646) − Takahashi,Michael (1745) [D30] (3)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 a6 4.a3 d×c4 5.e3 b5 6.a4 ♗b7 7.b3 c×b3 8.a×b5 a×b5 9.♗×b5+ c6 10.♖×a8 ♗×a8 11.♗c4 ♘f6 12.♕×b3 ♗d6 13.♘bd2 0-0 14.♗a3 ♗×a3 15.♕×a3 ♘bd7 16.0-0 ♕c7 17.♗d3 e5 18.♖a1 g6 19.♖c1 ♖e8 20.d×e5 ♘×e5 21.♘×e5 ♕×e5 22.♘f3 ♕c7 23.h3 ♗b7 24.♕c3 ♘d7 25.♗b5 c5 26.♕d4 ♗c6 27.♖×c5 ♘×c5 28.♕×c5 ♖c8 29.♕×c6 ♕×c6 30.♗×c6 ♖×c6 31.♘d4 ♖d6 32.♔h2 ♔g7 33.♔g3 f5 34.♔f4 ♔f6 35.h4 h6 36.♘f3 ♖a6 37.♘d4 ♖a2 38.♔f3 ♔e5 39.g3 g5 40.h×g5 h×g5 41.♘c6+ ♔d6 42.♘d4 ♖a5 43.g4 f×g4+ 44.♔×g4 ♖a2 45.♔f3 ♔d5 46.♘f5 ♖a8 47.♘g3 ♖f8+ 48.♔g4 ♖×f2 49.e4+ ♔e5 50.♔×g5 ♖g2 51.♔g4 ♖f2 52.♔g5 ♖g2 53.♔g4 ♖f2 ½-½

Reynolds,Robert (2081) − Wan ,Joseph (2091) [A10] (3)
1.c4 b6 2.♘c3 ♗b7 3.e4 e6 4.♘ge2 ♗b4 5.a3 ♗×c3 6.♘×c3 ♘e7 7.d4 0-0 8.♗d3 f5 9.e5 d6 10.e×d6 ♕×d6 11.♗g5 ♘g6 12.♕e2 h6 13.♕h5 ♘f4 14.♗×f4 ♕×f4 15.♘e2 ♕d6 16.0-0 c5 17.d5 e×d5 18.♘g3 d×c4 19.♗×c4+ ♔h8 20.♖fe1 ♘c6 21.♖e6 ♕f4 22.♗d5 ♘d4 23.♗×b7 ♘×e6 24.♗×a8 ♖×a8 25.♕f7 ♕e5 26.♕b7 ♖d8 27.♕×a7 ♕d5 28.♖e1 ♘f4 29.f3 ♕d2 0-1

Takahashi,M (1745) − Hesse,Thomas (1868) [B12] (4)
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.h4 ♗d7 5.g4 e6 6.c3 c5 7.♗e3 ♕b6 8.♕c2 ♘c6 9.♘e2 ♖c8 10.♕d2 c×d4 11.c×d4 ♗b4 12.♘bc3 ♘ge7 13.a3 ♗×c3 14.♘×c3 ♘a5 15.♕c2 ♘c4 16.♗×c4 ♖×c4 17.♕d2 ♘c6 18.♖d1 ♘a5 19.f4 ♖c7 20.♕c2 ♔e7 21.♗c1 ♖hc8 22.♕×h7 ♘b3 23.♕×g7 ♘×c1 24.♕f6+ ½-½

Herr,John (1849) − Garrett,Daniel (1646) [B33] (4)
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e5 6.♘db5 d6 7.♘a3 a6 8.♗g5 b5 9.♘d5 ♗e7 10.♗×f6 g×f6 11.c3 f5 12.♕f3 f×e4 13.♕×e4 ♗b7 14.♗e2 ♗g5 15.0-0 ♘e7 16.c4 ♘×d5 17.c×d5 ♗c8 18.♗h5 0-0 19.♖ad1 f5 20.♕e2 ♖a7 21.g3 ♖g7 22.♘c2 ♕d7 23.h3 ♖f6 24.♘e3 ♖h6 25.♕f3 ♗×e3 26.f×e3 ♖g5 27.♗g4 ♔g7 28.e4 f×g4 29.♕f8+ ♔g6 30.♖f6+ ♔h5 31.♕×h6# 1-0

Karagianis,P (2305) − Brashaw,Dan (2226) [E92] (4)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 0-0 6.♘f3 e5 7.♗e3 ♘g4 8.♗g5 f6 9.♗h4 ♘c6 10.d5 ♘e7 11.♘d2 ♘h6 12.f3 a5 13.0-0 f5 14.♘b5 b6 15.b4 a×b4 16.♕b3 ♘f7 17.♕×b4 g5 18.♗f2 g4 19.f×g4 f×g4 20.a4 ♘g6 21.g3 ♘g5 22.♗e3 ♖×f1+ 23.♗×f1 ♗h6 24.♔h1 ♘f8 25.a5 ♘d7 26.♕c3 ♘c5 27.a×b6 ♖×a1 28.♕×a1 c×b6 29.♕a8 ♕f8 30.♘×d6 ♘g×e4 31.♗×h6 ♘f2+ 32.♔g1 1-0

Willett,J (1602) − Reynolds,Robert (2081) [A80] (4)
1.d4 f5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♗g5 d5 4.♗×f6 e×f6 5.♘f3 ♗e6 6.e3 c6 7.♗d3 g6 8.0-0 ♗d6 9.♖e1 ♘d7 10.♘e2 0-0 11.♖c1 ♕e7 12.♘d2 ♕g7 13.f4 ♘b6 14.♔h1 ♖fe8 15.♖g1 ♘c4 16.b3 ♘×e3 17.♕e1 ♘g4 18.h3 ♘h6 19.c4 ♖e7 20.♕f2 ♖ae8 21.c5 ♗b8 22.g3 ♗c8 23.♘c3 ♖e3 24.♗e2 ♕e7 25.♖ge1 b6 26.♘f3 b×c5 27.d×c5 g5 28.♘d4 g×f4 29.♘×c6 ♕b7 30.♘×b8 d4+ 31.♗f3 ♖×e1+ 32.♔g2 ♖1e4 33.♘×e4 f×e4 34.c6 e×f3+ 35.♕×f3 ♕×b8 36.♕h5 ♕e5 0-1

Thangavel,Gokul (1960) − Kozich,A J (1355) [D35] (4)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.c×d5 e×d5 5.♗g5 ♗e7 6.e3 ♗f5 7.♗×f6 ♗×f6 8.♕b3 b6 9.♕×d5 ♕×d5 10.♘×d5 ♗d8 11.♘f3 c6 12.♘c3 0-0 13.♗e2 ♗e7 14.0-0 ♗e6 15.e4 ♖d8 16.♖fd1 a6 17.d5 ♗g4 18.h3 ♗h5 19.g4 ♗g6 20.♘e5 c×d5 21.♘×d5 ♗c5 22.♘f6+ g×f6 23.♖×d8+ ♔g7 24.♘c6 ♗×e4 25.♘×b8 b5 26.♘d7 ♗×f2+ 27.♔×f2 ♖×d8 28.♖d1 ♖c8 29.♖d2 ♔g6 30.h4 ♖c1 31.♖d6 ♖c2 32.♘×f6 ♗b7 33.♘e8+ 1-0

Keating,Robert (2206) − Neal II,James (2143) [C18] (4)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♗×c3+ 6.b×c3 ♘e7 7.♕g4 ♔f8 8.d×c5 ♘bc6 9.f4 ♕a5 10.♗d2 ♕×c5 11.♗d3 ♘a5 12.♘f3 ♘c4 13.♘d4 ♗d7 14.♕e2 ♘×d2 15.♕×d2 ♖c8 16.0-0 ♕×c3 17.♕f2 ♕c5 18.♖ab1 b6 19.♗a6 ♖c7 20.♗b5 ♘f5 21.♘×f5 ♗×b5 22.♖×b5 ♕×b5 23.♕h4 ♕c5+ 24.♔h1 ♔e8 25.♘d6+ ♔d7 26.f5 e×f5 27.♖×f5 f6 28.♕g4 ♔c6 29.c4 d×c4 30.e6 ♔×d6 31.♖×c5 ♔×c5 32.♕f5+ ♔c6 33.♕e4+ ♔b5 34.♕d5+ ♔a6 35.♕d6 ♖cc8 36.e7 ♖he8 37.♕d7 c3 38.♕a4+ ♔b7 39.♕d7+ ♔b8 40.♕d6+ ♖c7 41.♕d8+ ♖c8 ½-½

(Rector,Richard (1506) − Capron,Mark (1399) [A03] (4)
1.f4 g6 2.♘f3 d5 3.e3 c5 4.d4 ♗g7 5.c3 c×d4 6.e×d4 ♘c6 7.♗d3 ♗g4 8.0-0 ♘f6 9.♕c2 0-0 10.f5 ♗×f5 11.♗×f5 g×f5 12.♕×f5 e6 13.♕h3 ♘e7 14.♗h6 ♘g6 15.♗×g7 ♔×g7 16.♘bd2 ♕b6 17.b3 ♖ac8 18.c4 ♕d6 19.♕g3 ♕×g3 20.h×g3 ♘g4 21.c5 ♘e7 22.b4 ♘f5 23.♘e5 ♘×e5 24.d×e5 ♘×g3 25.♖f3 ♘e2+ 26.♔f2 ♘d4 27.♖g3+ ♔h8 28.♖h1 ♖g8 29.♖gh3 ♖g7 30.♖h4 ♘c6 31.♘f3 ♖cg8 32.♔e3 ♖d8 33.b5 ♘e7 34.♘d4 ♘g6 35.♖h5 ♘f8 36.♕f3 ♘d7 37.c6 b×c6 38.b×c6 ♘b6 39.♖b1 ♖c8 40.a4 ♘×a4 41.♖a1 ♘b6 42.♖×a7 ♔g8 43.♖b7 ♘a8 44.♖h1 ♘c7 45.♖hb1 ♖g5 46.♖b8 ♖×b8 47.♖×b8+ ♔g7 48.♖b7 ♘a8 49.♘×e6+ 1-0

Herr,John (1849) − Keating,Robert (2206) [E90] (5)
1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♘f3 d6 4.c4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 0-0 6.♗e3 ♘g4 7.♗f4 e5 8.d×e5 d×e5 9.♗g3 ♘d7 10.h3 ♘h6 11.♗e2 f6 12.♕d5+ ♘f7 13.♖d1 c6 14.♕d2 ♕e7 15.0-0 ♘c5 16.♖fe1 ♗h6 17.♕c2 ♘e6 18.a3 ♘fg5 19.♘×g5 ♗×g5 20.b4 ♘d4 21.♕b2 ♗e6 22.c5 ♖ad8 23.♖f1 ♖f7 24.f4 e×f4 25.♗×f4 ♗×f4 26.♖×f4 ♕c7 27.♖f2 ♕e5 28.♗f1 ♖fd7 29.♖e1 ♕g3 30.♘e2 ♕e5 31.♘×d4 ♖×d4 32.♖fe2 ♔g7 33.♕a1 ♗c4 34.♖e3 ♗×f1 35.♖×f1 f5 36.♖fe1 f4 37.♖3e2 g5 38.♔f2 ♔g6 39.♕b2 h5 40.♕a1 g4 41.h×g4 h×g4 42.♔g1 g3 43.♖a2 ♕h5 44.♖ee2 ♕h2+ 45.♔f1 ♕h1# 0-1

Reynolds,Robert (2081) − Blokhin,Ilya (1563) [D41] (5)
1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♗g2 c5 5.c×d5 ♘×d5 6.♘c3 ♘c6 7.0-0 ♗e7 8.♘×d5 e×d5 9.d4 0-0 10.♗e3 ♕b6 11.b3 ♗g4 12.d×c5 ♗×c5 13.♗×c5 ♕×c5 14.♖c1 ♕a5 15.♖a1 ♖fe8 16.♕d3 ♖ad8 ½-½

Wan,Joseph (2091) − Karagianis,P (2305) [B22] (5)
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘d5 5.d4 c×d4 6.c×d4 d6 7.♘c3 ♘×c3 8.b×c3 ♕c7 9.♗d2 ♘d7 10.e×d6 ♗×d6 11.♗d3 b6 12.0-0 ♗b7 13.h3 0-0 14.♖e1 ♗f4 15.♗×f4 ♕×f4 16.♕d2 ♕×d2 17.♘×d2 ♖fd8 18.♗e4 ♗×e4 19.♘×e4 ♖ac8 20.♖e3 ½-½

Mathur,Rithwik (1884) − Townsend,Kevin (1798) [B23] (5)
1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.f4 e6 4.♘f3 d5 5.♗b5 ♘f6 6.♗×c6+ b×c6 7.d3 ♗e7 8.0 0 0 0 9.b3 ♗a6 10.♘d2 d×e4 11.♔h1 e×d3 12.♖f3 ♕a5 13.♗b2 ♖ad8 14.♘ce4 d×c2 15.♘×f6+ ♗×f6 16.♕×c2 c4 17.♘e4 ♗×b2 18.♕×b2 ♕f5 19.♖g3 f6 20.♘f2 ♖d2 21.♘g4 ♕×f4 22.♘e3 c×b3 23.♕×b3 ♕e4 24.♖g4 ♕e5 25.♖e1 ♖d3 0-1

Garrett,Daniel (1646) − Rector,Richard (1518) [A91] (5)
1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 ♘f6 4.♗g2 ♗e7 5.♘c3 0-0 6.e4 f×e4 7.♘×e4 d6 8.♕b3 ♘c6 9.♘e2 ♘a5 10.♕c3 ♘×e4 11.♗×e4 ♘c6 12.b4 d5 13.♗×h7+ ♔×h7 14.c5 ♗f6 15.f4 ♕e8 16.h4 ♕h5 17.♗d2 a5 18.b5 ♘e7 19.♕d3+ ♕f5 20.♕f3 ♕e4 21.♕×e4+ d×e4 22.g4 ♘d5 23.g5 e3 24.♗c1 ♗e7 25.0-0 ♗d7 26.a4 e5 27.f×e5 ♖×f1+ 28.♔×f1 ♖f8+ 29.♔e1 ♗h3 30.♘g3 ♖f3 31.♘e4 ♘f4 32.♔d1 ♖f1+ 33.♔c2 e2 \0-1

Capron,Mark (1399) − Shukla,Abhyudaya (1159) [A02] (5)
1.f4 ♘f6 2.b3 d6 3.♗b2 ♘c6 4.♘f3 ♗g4 5.e3 e6 6.♗e2 ♕d7 7.d3 0-0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.♘d4 ♗×e2 10.♕×e2 ♗c5 11.♘d2 ♖he8 12.♘2f3 ♘×d4 13.e×d4 ♗d6 14.♘e5 ♕e7 15.♖ae1 ♘d7 16.♕h5 f6 17.♘f7 g6 18.♕×h7 ♖h8 19.♕×g6 ♖dg8 20.♘×d6+ c×d6 21.♕×g8+ ♖×g8 22.♗a3 ♕g7 23.g3 e5 24.♗×d6 e×d4 25.♖e7 ♕g6 26.♖fe1 f5 27.♗e5 ♘×e5 28.♖1×e5 ♕h5 29.♖×d5 ♕d1+ 30.♔f2 ♕×c2+ 31.♔e1 ♕b1+ 32.♔d2 ♕×a2+ 33.♔e1 ♕b1+ 34.♔d2 ♕b2+ 35.♔e1 ♕c1+ 36.♔e2 ♕c2+ 37.♔e1 ♕c3+ 38.♔f2 ♕×b3 39.♖dd7 ♕c2+ 40.♔f1 ♕×d3+ 41.♔f2 ♕c2+ 42.♔f1 ♕c1+ 43.♔e2 ♕b2+ 44.♔f1 ♖d8 45.♖c7+ ♔b8 46.h3 ♕b6 47.♖cd7 ♖×d7 48.♖×d7 ♕c6 49.♖×d4 ♕f3+ 50.♔e1 ♕e3+ 0-1

Brashaw,Daniel (2226) − Takahashi, (1745) [A37] (5)
1.c4 c5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 ♗g7 5.♘f3 e6 6.0-0 ♘ge7 7.d3 0-0 8.♗d2 a6 9.♕c1 ♖b8 10.♗h6 d6 11.♗×g7 ♔×g7 12.e3 b5 13.b3 ♔g8 14.♖d1 ♕b6 15.♘e4 ♖d8 16.d4 c×d4 17.e×d4 ♘f5 18.♕f4 d5 19.c5 ♕b7 20.♘f6+ ♔g7 21.♘e5 ♔×f6 22.♘×c6 ♕×c6 23.♕e5+ ♔e7 24.♕×b8 ♗b7 25.♕f4 ♔f8 26.g4 ♘g7 27.♕h6 ♔g8 28.♖d3 ♘e8 29.♖h3 ♘f6 30.g5 ♘h5 31.♗f3 e5 32.♗×h5 g×h5 33.♕×c6 ♗×c6 34.♖×h5 e×d4 35.♖h6 ♖c8 36.♖d6 ♗b7 37.b4 a5 38.♖b6 ♗c6 39.b×a5 d3 40.♖d1 d4 41.♖×d3 ♗d5 42.♖×d4 ♗×a2 43.♖×b5 ♗e6 44.a6 ♖a8 45.♖a5 ♔g7 46.a7 ♗h3 47.f4 ♔g6 48.♖b4 1-0

Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its troubles, it empties today of its strength. Corria Ten Boom

Games from 2015 July submitted by Mathew Jacob:

Jose Gatica (2068) − William Polzin (1802)
2015 July, 7/18/15, (1)
1. ♘f3 c5 2. c4 ♘c6 3. ♘c3 g6 4. g3 ♗g7 5. ♗g2 ♘f6 6. O-O O-O 7. d4 c×d4 8.♘×d4 e5 9. ♘db5 ♘e8 10.♘e4 f5 11. ♗g5 ♕a5 12. ♕d5+ ♔h8 13. ♗d2 ♘e7 14. ♗×a5 ♘×d5 15. c×d5 f×e4 16. ♗×e4 a6 17. ♘c7 ♘×c7 18. ♗×c7 a5 19. ♖ac1 ♖a6 20. d6 ♗f6 21. ♖c5 ♗d8 22. ♗×d8 ♖×d8 23. ♖fc1 ♖a8 24. ♖×e5 a4 25. ♖c7 ♖b8 26. ♖a5 b5 27. ♗d3 ♖b6 28. ♖a8 1−0

John Herr (1848) − Seth Koenig (2001)
2015 July, 7/18/15, (3)
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ♘d2 a6 4. e×d5 e×d5 5. ♘gf3 ♘f6 6. ♗e2 ♗d6 7. O-O O-O 8. ♘e5 c5 9. c3 ♖e8 10. ♘g4 ♘×g4 11. ♗×g4 ♕h4 12. h3 ♗×g4 13. ♕×g4 ♕×g4 14. h×g4 c×d4 15. c×d4 ♘c6 16. ♘b3 ♖e2 17. ♖b1 ♖e4 18. f3 ♖e2 19. ♖d1 ♖ae8 20. ♗d2 ♗g3 21. ♔f1 ♖f2+ 22. ♔g1 ♖ee2 23. ♗e1 ♖×g2+ 24. ♔f1 ♗f4 25. ♘c5 ♖c2 26. ♘d3 ♗e3 27. ♗f2 ♖g×f2+ 28. ♘×f2 ♖×f2+ 29. ♔e1 ♘×d4 30. ♖d3 ♘×f3+ 31. ♔d1 d4 0−1

Tom Gaul (1840) − Bethany Carson (1630)
2015 July, 7/18/15, (3)
1. b3 e5 2. ♗b2 ♘c6 3. e3 ♘f6 4. ♘f3 d6 5. ♗b5 ♗d7 6. O-O ♗e7 7. d4 e×d4 8. ♘×d4 ♘×d4 9. ♗×d7+ ♕×d7 10. e×d4 d5 11. c4 d×c4 12. b×c4 c6 13. ♘d2 O-O 14. ♖e1 ♗b4 15. ♖e3 ♖fe8 16. ♖f3 ♘e4 17. ♘×e4 ♖×e4 18. ♕d3 ♖ae8 19. ♖e3 ♕e7 20. ♖×e4 ♕×e4 21. ♕×e4 ♖×e4 22. ♔f1 ♔f8 23. f3 ♖e7 24. ♖b1 a5 25. a3 ♗d6 26. ♔f2 f5 27. g3 g6 28. c5 ♗c7 29. ♗c3 ♗d8 30. ♗d2 ♖d7 31. ♔e3 ♔f7 32. ♔d3 ♗f6 33. ♗c3 ♔e6 34. ♔c4 ♗d8 35. ♖e1+ ♔f7 36. ♔b3 ♗f6 37. ♔a4 ♗d8 38. ♖d1 b5+ 39. c×b6 ♗×b6 40. ♖b1 ♗d8 41. ♖b8 ♔e6 42. ♗×a5 ♖×d4+ 43. ♖b4 ♖×b4+ 44. a×b4 ♗f6 45. b5 c×b5+ 46. ♔×b5 ♔d5 47. ♗b6 ♗d4 1/2−1/2

James Neal II (2145) − John Herr (1848)
2015 July, 7/18/15, (4)
1. e4 e5 2. ♘f3 ♘c6 3. d4 e×d4 4. ♗c4 ♗e7 5. O-O d6 6. ♘×d4 ♘×d4 7. ♕×d4 ♘f6 8. ♘c3 O-O 9. h3 ♗d7 10. ♗f4 ♗c6 11. ♖fe1 a6 12. ♖ad1 ♕b8 13. ♕d2 b5 14. ♗b3 ♕b7 15. ♘d5 ♖fe8 16. ♘×e7+ ♖×e7 17. f3 ♖ee8 18. ♗g5 ♘d7 19. c3 ♘c5 20. ♗c2 ♘e6 21. ♗h4 ♕b6+ 22. ♗f2 ♕b7 23. ♗b1 ♕b8 24. ♕c2 g6 25. ♕d2 ♕d8 26. ♖e2 ♕f6 27. ♗e3 ♖ad8 28. f4 ♘c5 29. ♗d4 ♕h4 30. ♗f2 ♕f6 31. ♖de1 ♘e6 32. ♗g3 ♘c5 33. ♖e3 ♘e6 34. ♕f2 ♖b8 35. ♖f3 ♘c5 36. ♗h4 ♕e6 37. ♖fe3 ♕d7 38. ♗f6 ♖e6 39. ♕h4 h5 40. f5 ♖ee8 41. ♕g5 ♔h7 42. e5 ♗e4 43. f×g6+ 1−0

Kevin Townsend (1767) − Bethany Carson (1630) 2015 July, 7/18/15, (4)
1. e4 c5 2. ♘f3 d6 3. d4 c×d4 4. ♘×d4 ♘f6 5. ♘c3 g6 6. ♗e3 ♗g7 7. f3 O-O 8. ♕d2 ♘c6 9. ♗c4 ♗d7 10. O-O-O a6 11. g4 ♘e5 12. ♗b3 b5 13. ♗h6 ♘c4 14. ♗×c4 b×c4 15. h4 ♔h8 16. ♗×g7+ ♔×g7 17. h5 ♖h8 18. ♖h2 ♕b6 19. ♘d5 ♘×d5 20. e×d5 ♖ab8 21. h6+ ♔f8 22. ♕c3 ♖g8 23. ♖e2 ♕c5 24. ♕e3 ♖e8 25. ♘e6+ ♗×e6 26. ♕×c5 d×c5 27. d×e6 f×e6 28. ♖×e6 ♔f7 29. ♖×a6 ♖a8 30. ♖×a8 ♖×a8 31. a3 ♔e6 32. ♖e1+ ♔d6 33. ♔d2 e5 34. ♔c3 ♖f8 35. ♖e3 ♔d5 36. b3 c×b3 37. c×b3 ♖a8 38. a4 g5 39. ♖d3+ ♔c6 40. ♔c4 ♖b8 41. ♖e3 ♖b4+ 42. ♔c3 ♔d5 43. ♖e4 ♖b6 44. b4 c×b4+ 45. ♖×b4 ♖×h6 46. ♖b5+ ♔c6 47. ♖×e5 ♖h3 48. ♖f5 h5 49. g×h5 g4 50. ♔b4 g×f3 51. a5 ♖h4+ 52. ♔c3 f2 53. ♖f6+ ♔b7 54. ♖×f2 1/2−1/2

Michael Takahashi (1760) − Ilya Blokhin (1837) 2015 July, 7/18/15, (4)
1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 ♗f5 4. h4 h5 5. c4 e6 6. c5 ♘d7 7. ♗d3 ♗×d3 8. ♕×d3 b6 9. b4 a5 10. ♗g5 ♕c7 11. ♘e2 a×b4 12. ♘f4 ♘e7 13. ♗×e7 ♗×e7 14. ♘×e6 f×e6 15. ♕g6+ ♔d8 16. ♕×g7 ♖e8 17. g4 b×c5 18. g×h5 c×d4 19. f4 ♘×e5 20. O-O 0−1

William J. Polzin (1802) − Tom Gaul (1840)
2015 July, 7/18/15, (4)
1. c4 ♘f6 2. g3 c6 3. ♗g2 d5 4. c×d5 c×d5 5. d4 ♘c6 6. ♘f3 ♗f5 7. O-O e6 8. ♘c3 ♗e7 9. ♗f4 a6 10. ♖c1 h6 11. ♘e5 ♘×e5 12. ♗×e5 ♗d6 13. ♗×d6 ♕×d6 14. ♕a4+ ♔e7 15. ♕b3 b5 16. e3 ♖hc8 17. ♘e2 ♖c4 18. ♖×c4 d×c4 19. ♕c3 ♖d8 20. ♖e1 g5 21. ♕a5 ♖b8 22. ♘c3 b4 23. e4 b×c3 24. e5 ♕×d4 25. e×f6+ ♔×f6 26. b×c3 ♕d2 27. ♕e5+ ♔g6 28. ♖f1 ♖b2 29. ♗e4 ♖×a2 30. g4 ♗×e4 31. ♕×e4+ ♔g7 32. ♕e5+ ♔g8 33. ♕b8+ ♔h7 34. ♕e5 ♕f4 35. ♕×f4 g×f4 36. ♔g2 ♖a3 37. ♖c1 a5 38. ♔f3 a4 39. ♔×f4 ♖a2 40. ♔e3 a3 41. ♔d4 ♖×f2 42. ♔×c4 ♖×h2 43. ♔b3 a2 44. c4 ♖d2 45. c5 ♖d8 46. ♔×a2 ♖b8 47. c6 ♔g7 48. c7 ♖c8 49. ♖c4 ♔f6 50. ♔b3 ♔e7 51. ♔c3 ♔d6 52. ♔d4 ♖×c7 53. ♖a4 ♔e7 54. ♖a5 ♔f6 55. ♖h5 ♔g6 56. ♖a5 ♖d7+ 57. ♔e4 ♖d5 58. ♖a8 ♖g5 59. ♔f4 ♔g7 60. ♖a6 ♖g6 61. ♖a5 ♖f6+ 62. ♔e4 ♖f1 63. ♖h5 ♔g6 64. ♖a5 f6 65. ♖a8 e5 66. ♖g8+ ♔f7 67. ♖h8 ♔g7 68. ♖a8 ♖f4+ 0−1

The beauty of a move lies not in its ap−pearance but in the thought behind it. Aaron Nimzovich

Iowa Open Breaks attendance goal! 4 Way Tie in the Open!

By Mark Capron and Eric Vigil

There were 238 players competing in the four events of the Iowa Open, Up from 198 the previous year. "I can't remember a year we had more players in the Iowa Open" Said President Eric Vigil. This year we had a truly star studded group of players from GM Yermolinsky to WCM Claudia Munoz. 11 States were represented.

In the Reserve section Owen Fiedorowicz, Vladimir Tivanski and Tim Harder tied for first all going 4-0. In the RBO Anjali Lodh went 5-0 to clinch, beating out Nina Meng. Renee Meng's 4.5 score secured second place.

The State Quick Championship was won by IM Angelo Young on Friday evening. Top Iowa player was a tie between NM Dan Brashaw and Expert James Neal.

Winning the Open was IM Brooks, NM Karagianis, NM Menon and IM Young all scored 4.5 and tied for first. Young took the hardware home based on tiebreaks. There were many upsets at this years tournament making pairings difficult and exciting. IM Brooks and NM Karagianis took the slowly as she goes approach and won all of their games until being paired against each other in the final round and drawing. IM Young and NM Menon both suffered early draws and had to win the rest of their games. In Round 1 Gokul Thangavel secured the draw vs. Menon and in Round 2 Joseph Wan got the draw vs. Young. Round two also featured Rita Joseph's (1351 from KS) defeat of Jim White (1832). Jonathon Reigenborn (1621 from NE) defeated Joseph Wan in Round 3 and was the largest upset of the tournament rating wise. Not to be outdone Barry Vigil (1339) took down Abhyudhaya Venkat (1816 from IL). Round 4 was difficult for the higher rated players. Rita Joseph again lowered the hammer, this time on David Sayler (1772 from MO). Patrick Rao (1710 from IL) had a 415 point upset over Abhishek Mallela (2125 from MO). The most watched upset was when Valeriy Kosokin (2186) beat GM Yermolinsky (2594). I was extremely impressed with GM Yermolinsky after the game. In a calm voice he said his opponent played a good game and then I blundered. That's how things go sometimes. The Pain Index chart had a work out.

In Round 5 NM Menon had to beat Kosokin to tie for first and IM Young had to beat WGM Camilla Baginskaite to tie for first. Bob Keating was the highest scoring Iowan. Joe Knapp from NE took home the Top U2200 prize. The Second Place U2200 was a log jam with Kosokin, James Neal, Benjamin Gradsky (KS), WCM Claudia Munoz (TX), Arshaq Saleem, Robert Reynolds, and Samrug Narayanan (MN). The U2000 first and second was split amongst Tinglin Shi (WI), Saumik Narayanan (MN), and Gokul Thangavel. The U1800 first and second was also split; Dan Medrano, Michael Takahashi, and Patrick Rao (IL). The U1600 first and second was split as well; Joseph Willett (IL), Tim Harder, and Rita Joseph (KS).

The tournament was directed by the team of International Arbiter and Associate National Director Bill Broich, Local TD Bill Feldman (IL), Local TD and IASCA President Eric Vigil, Former Club Director Christian Schmitz, and National Arbiter and Senior TD Mark Capron. Special thanks to Jim Hodina and Eric Vigil for the donation of the chess sets and clocks. We want to personally thank each and everyone of you for attending this event and making it such a success. We are looking forward to next years events on August 26-28, 2016.

What goals can we set in order to top the 2015 version?

Note that only tannotated games will appear in this issue.. The rest can be found in a supplement online. –editor

2015 Iowa Quick Championship

No.	Gr	Name	St	Rate	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Score
1.		IM Young, Angelo (1)	IL	2295	W18	W8	W16	D4	W5	W6	5.5
2.		Arjun, Vishnuvardh (2)	IL	2155	W19	W10	D6	D5	W13	W8	5.0
3.		Brashaw, Daniel (3)	IA	2105	W15	D13	W32	L6	W11	W9	4.5
4.		Mallela, Abhishek (4)	MO	2019	W26	W11	W7	D1	L6	W13	4.5
5.		Munoz, Claudia E (6)	TX	1964	W21	W28	W20	D2	L1	W14	4.5
6.		Neal Ii, James Ale (7)	IA	1947	W22	W12	D2	W3	W4	L1	4.5
7.		Suresh, Abhinav (10)	NE	1876	W23	W37	L4	W12	L9	W18	4.0
8.		Wan, Joseph Cheng- (11)	IA	1856	W31	L1	W19	W18	W16	L2	4.0
9.		Saleem, Arshaq (12)	IA	1853	L37	W23	W26	W20	W7	L3	4.0
10.		Gaul, Thomas (14)	IA	1724	W27	L2	L21	W24	W20	W19	4.0
11.		Medrano, Daniel (16)	IA	1661	W24	L4	W22	W21	L3	W16	4.0
12.		Swartz, Kevin (18)	NE	1603	W35	L6	W36	L7	W22	W17	4.0
13.		Dutiel, Tony (13)	NE	1736	W38	D3	W25	W17	L2	L4	3.5
14.		Wolz, Dave (15)	IA	1720	-H-	-F-	W30	W32	W25	L5	3.5
15.		Lodh, Anish (21)	IA	1476	L3	W38	L17	D36	W30	W21	3.5
16.		Kende, Mark (8)	IA	1901	W29	W36	L1	W28	L8	L11	3.0
17.		Schmitz, Brian K (9)	MO	1879	W30	L20	W15	L13	W26	L12	3.0
18.		Hackbarth, Brian (19)	WI	1591	L1	W31	W37	L8	W29	L7	3.0
19.		Singh, Hersh (20)	WI	1509	L2	W24	L8	W31	W32	L10	3.0
20.		Chen, Nathan (23)	IA	1387	W25	W17	L5	L9	L10	W28	3.0
21.		Young, Brent (24)	IL	1325	L5	W40	W10	L11	W28	L15	3.0
22.		Palaniappan, Arjun (25)	IA	1302	L6	W35	L11	W38	L12	W31	3.0
23.		Vigil, Barry (28)	IA	1237	L7	L9	W27	L25	W36	W32	3.0
24.		Tivanski, Vlad (32)	IA	980	L11	L19	W35	L10	W34	W29	3.0
25.		Taylor, Grant (5)	IA	1965	L20	W30	L13	W23	L14	D26	2.5
26.		Lu, Morgan (22)	IA	1475	L4	W27	L9	W34	L17	D25	2.5
27.		Lodh, Anjali (34)	IA	806	L10	L26	L23	W33	W37	-H-	2.5
28.		Heinrich, Joel G (17)	WI	1642	W39	L5	W29	L16	L21	L20	2.0
29.		Erispe, Jojo (26)	IL	1300	L16	W39	L28	W37	L18	L24	2.0
30.		Day, Benjamin Will (27)	IA	1296	L17	L25	L14	-B-	L15	W36	2.0
31.		Wang, Alexander Li (29)	IA	1039	L8	L18	W40	L19	W35	L22	2.0
32.		Capron, Zachary S (36)	IA	100	-B-	-X-	L3	L14	L19	L23	2.0
33.		Bostwick, Zach K (38)	IA	nnnn	-N-	-N-	L34	L27	W38	W37	2.0
34.		Arthur, Chris W (37)	IA	nnnn	-N-	-N-	W33	L26	L24	W39	2.0
35.		Konecne, Ryan Patr (39)	IA	nnnn	L12	L22	L24	W39	L31	W38	2.0
36.		James, Anson (30)	IA	1038	W40	L16	L12	D15	L23	L30	1.5
37.		Kaur, Aradh (31)	WI	987	W9	L7	L18	L29	L27	L33	1.0
38.		Vigil, Crissy (33)	IA	812	L13	L15	W39	L22	L33	L35	1.0
39.		Young, Marley Ryan (40)	IA	nnnn	L28	L29	L38	L35	-B-	L34	1.0
40.		Johnson, Shawn (35)	IA	571	L36	L21	L31	-U-	-U-	-U-	0.0

He who has a why can handle any how. Nitche

The highest art of the chessplayer lies in not allowing your opponent to show you what he can do. Garry Kasparov

Out of clutter find simplicity; From discord find harmony; In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity. Albert Einstein

The isolated Pawn casts gloom over the entire chessboard. Aaron Nimzovich

I remember our class working on algebra. All the boys were quiet ... Suddenly Alekhine stood up excitedly, his face radiant ..."Well, Alekhine, did you solve it?' teacher Bachinsky asked him. "I did ... I sacrifice the knight, and the bishop moves ... And White wins!". - Georgy Rimsky-Korsakov (classmate)

61st Iowa Open

No.	Gr	Name	St	Rate	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1.	IM	Brooks, Michael A (2)	MO	2436	W16	W20	W14	W5	D4	4.5
2.	IM	Young, Angelo (3)	IL	2422	W17	D19	W15	W13	W8	4.5
3.	NM	Menon, Gopal (4)	IL	2344	D18	W52	W23	W12	W9	4.5
4.	NM	Karagianis, Petros (5)	IL	2301	W33	W21	W32	W10	D1	4.5
5.	NM	Keating, Robert F (9)	IA	2220	W25	W6	W40	L1	W32	4.0
6.		Knapp, Joseph (20)	NE	2015	W29	L5	W52	W28	W20	4.0
7.	GM	Yermolinsky, Alex (1)	SD	2594	W22	W11	D13	L9	W25	3.5
8.	WGM	Baginskaite, Camil (6) ...	SD	2298	D23	W53	W36	W43	L2	3.5
9.	NM	Kosokin, Valeriy (10)	IA	2186	W26	D15	W65	W7	L3	3.5
10.		Neal Ii, James Ale (11)	IA	2145	W34	W62	W56	L4	D14	3.5
11.		Gradsky, Benjamin (12)	KS	2135	W27	L7	W75	W26	-H-	3.5
12.	WCM	Munoz, Claudia E (17)	TX	2095	D50	W37	W57	L3	W34	3.5
13.		Saleem, Arshaq (18)	IA	2089	W63	W72	D7	L2	W35	3.5
14.		Reynolds, Robert L (19)	IA	2057	W88	W73	L1	W56	D10	3.5
15.		Narayanan, Samrug (22)	MN	2001	W76	D9	L2	W65	W41	3.5
16.		Shi, Tinglin (23)	WI	1971	L1	W55	W31	D41	W44	3.5
17.		Narayanan, Saumik (24)	MN	1949	L2	W39	W53	D30	W43	3.5
18.		Thangavel, Gokul (25)	IA	1946	D3	L40	W82	W66	W46	3.5
19.		Wan, Joseph Cheng- (14)	IA	2124	W49	D2	L43	-H-	W52	3.0
20.		Madison, Jeremy Mi (15)	WI	2102	W74	L1	W51	W40	L6	3.0
21.	NM	Vasto, Daniel (16)	IA	2096	W28	L4	-H-	W36	D23	3.0
22.		Koenig, Seth A (21)	IA	2001	L7	W54	-H-	W39	D30	3.0
23.		Hodina, James (27)	IA	1938	D8	W41	L3	W55	D21	3.0
24.		Suresh, Abhinav (28)	NE	1922	L72	L56	W90	W53	W54	3.0
25.		Linscott, John (30)	NE	1878	L5	W67	W54	W61	L7	3.0
26.		Mathur, Rithwik (31)	WI	1876	L9	W82	W37	L11	W57	3.0
27.		Cusumano, Steven J (33)	NE	1868	L11	W60	D55	D57	W56	3.0
28.		Gaul, Thomas (37)	IA	1840	L21	W85	W77	L6	W59	3.0
29.		Venkat, Abhyudhaya (41)	IL	1816	L6	W79	L61	W69	W60	3.0
30.		Medrano, Daniel (46)	IA	1786	D43	W59	-H-	D17	D22	3.0
31.		Takahashi, Michael (50)	IA	1760	D59	D77	L16	W79	W48	3.0
32.		Rao, Patrick (59)	IL	1710	W61	W33	L4	W47	L5	3.0
33.		Zhang, Jiahua (26)	IA	1942	L4	L32	D68	W82	W61	2.5
34.		Juric, Zvonko (32)	IA	1875	L10	W89	D39	W38	L12	2.5
35.		Schuller, John (44)	KS	1800	W89	L47	-H-	W67	L13	2.5
36.		Simmons, Andrew (49)	MO	1763	D44	W42	L8	L21	W70	2.5
37.		Swartz, Kevin (54)	NE	1740	W69	L12	L26	D49	W67	2.5
38.		Heinrich, Joel G (55)	WI	1731	D60	L44	W70	L34	W71	2.5
39.		Krishnamurthy, Pra (57)	IA	1721	W79	L17	D34	L22	W62	2.5
40.		Glusker, Roman (60)	MN	1704	W80	W18	L5	L20	-H-	2.5
41.		Jetty, Milind (62)	IA	1654	W90	L23	W49	D16	L15	2.5
42.		Weil, Jack Thomas (64)	MO	1646	-H-	L36	W80	W62	-U-	2.5
43.		Reigenborn, Jonath (66)	NE	1621	D30	W50	W19	L8	L17	2.5
44.		Willett, Joseph (69)	IL	1587	D36	W38	L47	W63	L16	2.5
45.		Harder, Tim (77)	IA	1500	-N-	-N-	-H-	W80	W65	2.5
46.		Joseph, Rita Mary (80)	KS	1351	L55	W88	D63	W64	L18	2.5
47.		Mallela, Abhishek (13)	MO	2125	L62	W35	W44	L32	-U-	2.0
48.	NM	Ellis, James S (29)	WI	1913	L73	D57	D59	W58	L31	2.0
49.		Dutiel, Tony (35)	NE	1856	L19	W58	L41	D37	D55	2.0
50.		Blokhin, Ilya (38)	IA	1837	D12	L43	D69	L54	W77	2.0
51.		Hartmann, John R (45)	NE	1789	L57	W71	L20	L60	W78	2.0
52.		Nimkar, Kaustubh S (47)	KS	1782	W58	L3	L6	W77	L19	2.0
53.		Singh, Hersh (51)	WI	1749	W85	L8	L17	L24	W83	2.0
54.		Gong, Brian Hope (53)	IL	1740	W68	L22	L25	W50	L24	2.0
55.		Un, Sam N (58)	KS	1716	W46	L16	D27	L23	D49	2.0
56.		Mills, Michael L (61)	NE	1683	W71	W24	L10	L14	L27	2.0
57.		Carson, Bethany (65)	IA	1630	W51	D48	L12	D27	L26	2.0
58.		Wetter, Nathaniel (67)	IA	1608	L52	L49	W87	L48	W79	2.0
59.		Singh, Aayush Prak (70)	WI	1578	D31	L30	D48	W76	L28	2.0
60.		Lu, Morgan (76)	IA	1512	D38	L27	-H-	W51	L29	2.0
61.		Vigil, Barry (81)	IA	1339	L32	-B-	W29	L25	L33	2.0
62.		Taylor, Grant (34)	IA	1857	W47	L10	D67	L42	L39	1.5
63.		Mello, David T (39)	MO	1835	L13	W68	D46	L44	-U-	1.5
64.		Sayler, David (48)	MO	1772	L67	W90	-H-	L46	-U-	1.5
65.		Kmetz, Shawn Dougl (52)	IA	1741	D77	W70	L9	L15	L45	1.5
66.		Patterson, Steven (56)	IA	1724	D70	D75	-H-	L18	-U-	1.5
67.		Scharosch, Austin (68)	IA	1592	W64	L25	D62	L35	L37	1.5
68.		Chen, Nathan (73)	IA	1537	L54	L63	D33	L70	W84	1.5
69.		Brown, William (75)	KS	1514	L37	D74	D50	L29	-H-	1.5
70.		Lodh, Anish (78)	IA	1497	D66	L65	L38	W68	L36	1.5
71.		Shukla, Abhyudaya (87)	IA	1191	L56	L51	-H-	W86	L38	1.5
72.	IM	Arjun, Vishnuvardh (7)	IL	2268	W24	L13	-U-	-U-	-U-	1.0
73.	NM	Brashaw, Daniel (8)	IA	2226	W48	L14	-U-	-U-	-U-	1.0

74.	Perkhounkov, Maxim (36)	IA	1846	L20	D69	-H-	-U-	-U-	1.0
75.	Kende, Mark (42)	IA	1804	-H-	D66	L11	-U-	-U-	1.0
76.	Peralta, Luis M (43)	IL	1801	L15	D80	-H-	L59	-U-	1.0
77.	Rector, Richard (72)	IA	1550	D65	D31	L28	L52	L50	1.0
78.	Erispe, Jojo (74)	IL	1524	-N-	-N-	-N-	W81	L51	1.0
79.	Reedy, Edward (79)	IL	1472	L39	L29	-B-	L31	L58	1.0
80.	Glazier, Augustus (82)	MO	1333	L40	D76	L42	L45	-H-	1.0
81.	Young, Brent (84)	IL	1320	-N-	-N-	-N-	L78	W90	1.0
82.	Rasmussen, Kenneth (85)	WI	1303	-B-	L26	L18	L33	-U-	1.0
83.	Carson, Charity (86)	IA	1285	-N-	-N-	-N-	W87	L53	1.0
84.	Vigil, Crissy (89)	IA	815	-N-	-N-	-N-	W90	L68	1.0
85.	Johnson, Daniel (71)	IA	1554	L53	L28	-H-	-U-	-U-	0.5
86.	Carson, Tim (83)	IA	1326	-N-	-N-	-N-	L71	D87	0.5
87.	Vigil, Eric Golf (88)	IA	1185	-N-	-N-	L58	L83	D86	0.5
88.	White, James Lee (40)	IA	1832	L14	L46	-U-	-U-	-U-	0.0
89.	Power, Clive Scott (63)	IA	1653	L35	L34	-U-	-U-	-U-	0.0
90.	Young, Marley Ryan (90)	IA	nnnn	L41	L64	L24	L84	L81	0.0

61st Iowa Open Reserve Championship

No.	Gr	Name	St	Rate	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1.		Harder, Tim (2)	IA	1500	W38	W11	W21	W6	4.0
2.		Fiedorowicz, Owen (4)	IA	1468	W13	W31	W22	W5	4.0
3.		Tivanski, Vlad (34)	IA	1026	W18	W20	W26	W12	4.0
4.		Erispe, Jojo (1)	IL	1524	W32	-F-	W31	W23	3.0
5.		Kearns, Charles Da (3)	MO	1487	W28	W14	W23	L2	3.0
6.		Ogrin-Cotarlan, An (5)	IA	1465	W29	W8	W24	L1	3.0
7.		Le, Harry (11)	NE	1378	L8	W33	W32	W24	3.0
8.		Kaur, Aradh (32)	WI	1054	W7	L6	W20	W22	3.0
9.		Pieper, Eric Chung (35)	IA	988	L19	W36	W17	W21	3.0
10.		Cotarlan, Vlad (8)	IA	1398	L23	D13	W28	W30	2.5
11.		Denison, Christine (18)	IA	1269	W34	L1	W35	-H-	2.5
12.		Nguyen, Thomas H (21)	IA	1194	-H-	W37	W16	L3	2.5
13.		Yan, Keller Sterli (25)	MO	1149	L2	D10	W27	W25	2.5
14.		James, Anson (28)	IA	1091	W16	L5	D19	W26	2.5
15.		Jacobs, Steve (6)	IA	1443	L22	D30	W34	D19	2.0
16.		Vancsa, Veronika (7)	KS	1416	L14	W29	L12	W32	2.0
17.		Kriegel, Matthew (10)	IA	1390	L24	W40	L9	W31	2.0
18.		Carson, Tim (14)	IA	1326	L3	L34	W33	W36	2.0
19.		Young, Brent (15)	IL	1320	W9	-F-	D14	D15	2.0
20.		Fiedorowicz, Jess (16)	IA	1311	W33	L3	L8	W34	2.0
21.		Stumpf, Eric Karl (19)	IA	1251	W35	-X-	L1	L9	2.0
22.		Ogrin-Cotarlan, Sa (27)	IA	1127	W15	W25	L2	L8	2.0
23.		Meister, George (29)	IA	1079	W10	-X-	L5	L4	2.0
24.		Mathur, Akshaj (31)	WI	1062	W17	W27	L6	L7	2.0
25.		Kozich, Andrew Joh (12)	IA	1376	W40	L22	D30	L13	1.5
26.		Bostwick, Zach K (13)	IA	1335	-H-	W39	L3	L14	1.5
27.		Carson, Charity (17)	IA	1285	D30	L24	L13	W35	1.5
28.		Gray, Rex H (24)	IA	1152	L5	-H-	L10	W38	1.5
29.		Thangavel, Sanmati (26)	IA	1137	L6	L16	D38	W40	1.5
30.		Luo, Andy (37)	IA	939	D27	D15	D25	L10	1.5
31.		Heller, Evan Josep (20)	IA	1211	W36	L2	L4	L17	1.0
32.		Swamy, Rishabh (22)	IA	1170	L4	W38	L7	L16	1.0
33.		Day, Benjamin Will (36)	IA	969	L20	L7	L18	-B-	1.0
34.		Pieper, Justin Gun (38)	IA	916	L11	W18	L15	L20	1.0
35.		Singh, Shagun P (39)	WI	838	L21	-B-	L11	L27	1.0
36.		Schmidt, Michael Mark (40) ...	IA	nnnn	L31	L9	W40	L18	1.0
37.		Palaniappan, Arjun (9)	IA	1392	D39	L12	-U-	-U-	0.5
38.		Stanfield, Roger D (23)	IL	1157	L1	L32	D29	L28	0.5
39.		Gururaja, Akash (30)	IA	1077	D37	L26	-U-	-U-	0.5
40.		Wang, Alexander Li (33)	IA	1030	L25	L17	L36	L29	0.0

61st Iowa Open RBO

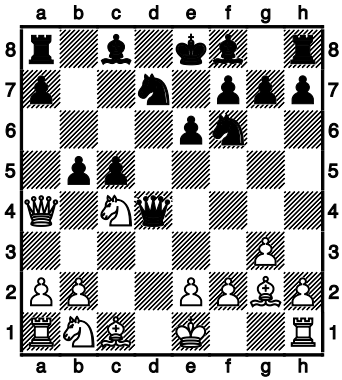
No.	Gr	Name	St	Rate	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1.		Lodh, Anjali (7)	IA	887	W36	W33	W15	W17	W4	5.0
2.		Meng, Nina Renee (10)	IA	830	W57	W20	D11	W28	W9	4.5
3.		Popov, Maxim (4)	IA	1040	W22	L11	W30	W27	W17	4.0
4.		Zajacz Havens, Rob (6)	IA	943	W24	W49	W16	W6	L1	4.0
5.		Xu, Eddy (8)	IA	868	W37	W34	L17	W11	W20	4.0
6.		Brown, Lillian (11)	KS	829	W25	W23	W10	L4	W18	4.0
7.		Thompson, Luke (26)	IA	590	L47	W57	W40	W14	W16	4.0
8.		Takahashi,Gail (46)	IA	291	L18	W35	W52	W34	W15	4.0
9.		Wei, Nathan (3)	IA	1092	W52	D12	W18	W29	L2	3.5
10.		Carrillo, Carlos M (14)	NE	777	W40	W47	L6	W21	D13	3.5
11.		Malgaonkar, Aditya (20)	IA	704	W42	W3	D2	L5	W28	3.5
12.		Copeland, Eli (21)	IA	699	W54	D9	L28	W30	W29	3.5
13.		Patil, Yash (50)	IA	231	L38	-B-	W48	W33	D10	3.5
14.		Meng, Alice (5)	IA	986	L23	W31	W37	L7	W38	3.0
15.		Vigil, Crissy (12)	IA	815	W39	W21	L1	W22	L8	3.0
16.		Wu, Kyros Yuefan (13)	IA	808	W26	W38	L4	W36	L7	3.0
17.		Chen, Angelina (16)	PA	759	W53	W46	W5	L1	L3	3.0
18.		Wu, Athena (17)	IA	739	W8	W27	L9	W24	L6	3.0
19.		Vigil, Joseph (18)	IA	734	L41	L26	W54	W53	W31	3.0
20.		Kumar, Aadarsh Day (25)	IA	608	W44	L2	W26	W38	L5	3.0
21.		Gururaja, Tejas Ki (29)	IA	501	W45	L15	W53	L10	W41	3.0
22.		Venkat, Amrutha (34)	IL	448	L3	W42	W41	L15	W46	3.0
23.		Stumpf, Jared Alle (35)	IA	435	W14	L6	L27	W55	W43	3.0
24.		Reddy, Aman (36)	IA	414	L4	W43	W46	L18	W45	3.0
25.		Vigil, Jacob (42)	IA	383	L6	W55	L34	W40	W33	3.0
26.		Shabazz-Jones, Nas (43)	IA	381	L16	W19	L20	W47	W34	3.0
27.		Xiang, Daniel Chenxing (62) ..	PA	nnnn	W51	L18	W23	L3	W36	3.0
28.		Thompson, Kian (2)	IA	1096	W35	-H-	W12	L2	L11	2.5
29.		Harris, Jack Walte (19)	IA	721	D31	W41	W32	L9	L12	2.5
30.		Alaya, Yusef Fadi (31)	IA	467	D32	W48	L3	L12	W44	2.5
31.		Carrillo, Paula M (48)	AZ	240	D29	L14	W56	W32	L19	2.5
32.		Chen, Laura (57)	ia	nnnn	D30	W56	L29	L31	W49	2.5
33.		Du, Heidi (23)	IA	613	W58	L1	W39	L13	L25	2.0
34.		Yermolinsky, Greta (24)	SD	613	W55	L5	W25	L8	L26	2.0
35.		Houchins-Witt, Way (32)	IA	460	L28	L8	L44	W48	W55	2.0
36.		Selby, Patrick Jos (37)	IA	407	L1	W58	W47	L16	L27	2.0
37.		Kaur, Jind (38)	WI	386	L5	W44	L14	L45	W54	2.0
38.		Keeney, Sierra Mar (39)	IA	386	W13	L16	W49	L20	L14	2.0
39.		Olson, Brady (41)	IA	383	L15	W45	L33	L46	W53	2.0
40.		Fiedorowicz, Isabe (44)	IA	337	L10	W51	L7	L25	W50	2.0
41.		Brown, Gerald (47)	IA	257	W19	L29	L22	W49	L21	2.0
42.		Acherkan, Lisa (51)	IA	225	L11	L22	L55	W58	W52	2.0
43.		Ogrin, Cristina (53)	IA	139	L49	L24	W50	W51	L23	2.0
44.		Harwani, Ishan S (56)	IA	107	L20	L37	W35	W52	L30	2.0
45.		Hong, Tina (58)	IA	nnnn	L21	L39	W57	W37	L24	2.0
46.		Johnson, Dailah (59)	IA	nnnn	W50	L17	L24	W39	L22	2.0
47.		Thole, David M (61)	IA	nnnn	W7	L10	L36	L26	W51	2.0
48.		Kaczka, Benjamin D (30)	IA	486	D56	L30	L13	L35	W58	1.5
49.		Bergal, Timothy M (22)	IA	687	W43	L4	L38	L41	L32	1.0
50.		Houchins-Witt, Car (27)	IA	541	L46	L53	L43	W56	L40	1.0
51.		Shin, Jayden (28)	IA	523	L27	L40	W58	L43	L47	1.0
52.		Kaczka, Andrew Jon (33)	IA	455	L9	W54	L8	L44	L42	1.0
53.		Liu, Fangming (45)	IA	298	L17	W50	L21	L19	L39	1.0
54.		Kmetz, Adam Shawn (52)	IA	217	L12	L52	L19	W57	L37	1.0
55.		Coquyt, Noah James (55)	IA	107	L34	L25	W42	L23	L35	1.0
56.		Singh, Samir (60)	IA	nnnn	D48	L32	L31	L50	D57	1.0
57.		Carrillo, Claudia (40)	NE	383	L2	L7	L45	L54	D56	0.5
58.		Glazier, Samantha (54)	MO	116	L33	L36	L51	L42	L48	0.0

Annotations by James Hodina:

Baginskaite,Camilla (2298) − Hodina,James (1938) [E04]
61st Iowa Open Coralville (1), 29.08.2015

[With my rating in the 1900's, I was right at the cut point of the 2nd quarter. In the accelerated pairings, that meant I had to play up in Round 1. This was the same situation for me in the 2014 Iowa Open where I was paired against Angelo Young. And although I played well in that game, I blundered at the end. I was hopeful that experience would help me in this very similar situation with WGM Camilla Baginskaite in round 1 of the 2015 Iowa Open.]

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.d4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♗g2 c5 5.c4 d×c4 6.♘e5 [I had looked at the variation in preparing for the tournament. Having some trouble with this line in a few internet games, I found an interesting line involving Ne5. But like most of my opening preparation, I often forget the move order. So here, I couldn't recall whether I should castle first in this position. Left to my own analysis, I jumped in with 6.♘e5. As it turns out, 6.O-O is the book line. But I don't regret playing 6.♘e5 as the ensuing play created a dynamic position with opportunities for White. After 6.0-0 Black's most popular response is 6...♘c6 then 7.♘e5 *(*or *7.♕a4)*] **6...♕×d4 7.♕a4+ ♘bd7 8.♘×c4 b5**



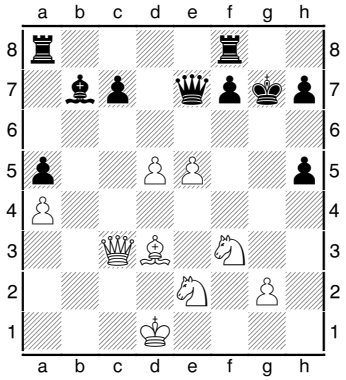
The only move for Black to achieve an advantage. 8...♖b8 9.♘c3 a6 10.♗e3 b5 11.♗×d4 b×a4 12.♗×f6 ♘×f6 13.♘×a4 and White's position is preferable. So, lots of pieces are en prise. The rook on a8 is hanging and the pawn fork on b5 cannot be resolved with 8.♕×b5] **9.♗e3** [9.♕×b5? ♖b8 10.♕a4 ♖b4 and the knight is lost.; The computer engines like 9.♕c2 but I keep thinking that I need to get more pieces into action.; 9.e3 but not 9...b×a4 10.e×d4 ♖b8 11.♗f4 ♖b4 12.♘bd2 c×d4 and Black stands better.] **9...b×a4 10.♗×d4** [Black gives up the exchange for a dominant pawn center and highly active bishops. While the result is an equal position, it seems that taking a move to safeguard the rook (e.g. 10...♘d5 or 10...♖b8) should maintain an advantage for Black.] **10...c×d4 11.♗×a8 ♗a6 12.♘bd2 ♗b4 13.♖c1 ♔e7 14.♗f3 ♖b8** [The best place for the rook. I had only been considering 14...♖c8 to pile up on the knight.] **15.a3** [I am willing to give up the b−pawn to rid Black of the bishop pair.] **15...♗×d2+ 16.♔×d2 ♗×c4** [But Black was in no obliged to concede the second bishop. Better is 16...♘c5 and the various threats posed by the knight will force further concessions by White. 17.♖c2 ♘fe4+ 18.♗×e4 ♘×e4+ 19.♔c1 *(*not *19.♔e1 ♗×c4 20.♖×c4 ♖×b2 21.♖c1 d3 22.e×d3 ♘×f2 23.♖f1 ♘×d3+* and Black regains the exchange with a gob of extra pawns.*)* 19...♘×f2 20.♖f1 d3 21.e×d3 ♘×d3+ 22.♔b1 ♗×c4 23.♖×c4 ♖×b2+ 24.♔a1=] **17.♖×c4 ♖×b2+ 18.♔c1 ♖a2 19.♔b1** [Here I hallucinated the skewer on my 1st rank not realizing my rook on h1 was guarded by the bishop of f3. Better is the simple 19.♖×a4 e5 although giving Black time to mobilize her pawn center is unnerving for White. 20.♖×a7 e4 21.♗g2 ♖×e2] **19...♖×a3 20.♖×d4 ♘c5 21.♖c1 e5 22.♖b4** [In the game line, Black can play 22...♔d6. But 22.♖dc4 forces the knight off the square. 22...e4 23.♗g2 ♖b3+ 24.♔a2 ♘e6 25.♗×e4] **22...e4 23.♖×c5 e×f3 24.♔b2 f×e2 25.♖e5+ ♔d6 26.♖×e2 ♖f3 27.♖×a4** [27.♖d4+ ♔c5 *(27...♘d5 28.♖ed2 ♖f5 29.g4)* 28.♖d8 ♘g4 29.♖c2+ ♔b6 30.♖b8+ ♔a5 31.♖c5+ ♔a6 32.♖c4 ♖b3+] **27...h5 28.♖×a7** [Greedy. Many options are better including h3 and ♖a3. In a knight versus rook, the outside passed pawn is nothing to worry about. Preservation of the kingside pawns in more important. 28.♖a3 ♖×a3 29.♔×a3 ♘g4 30.f4] **28...♘g4 29.♖a3 ♘×h2 30.♖×f3 ♘×f3 31.♔c3 h4?** [This move gives the pawn back.] **32.♖e3 ♘e5 33.g×h4 ♘g6 34.♖e4 f5 35.♖a4 ♔e5 36.♔d2 f4 37.h5 ♘h4 38.♔d3 ♔f5 39.♖a5+ ♔g4 40.♔e4 ♘f3 41.♖a7 ♘g5+ 42.♔e5 ♘f3+ 43.♔e4?** [The suttle 43.♔d5 is required to earn the full point. 43...♔×h5 *(43...♘g5 44.♖×g7 ♔×h5 45.♔e5 f3 46.♔f5)* 44.♖×g7 ♘g5 45.♔e5 ♔g4 46.♔f6] **43...♘g5+ 44.♔d3 ♔×h5 45.♖×g7 ♔g4 46.f3+ ♔f5 47.♔e2** [This highlights the point that 43. ♔d5 was best. Now White cannot bring the King around without losing the f−pawn. As such, the

game is drawn. 47.♖×g5+ ♔×g5 48.♔e4 ♔g6 49.♔×f4 ♔f6] **47...♘e6 48.♖a7 ♘d4+ 49.♔f2 ♔e5 50.♖a5+ ♔f6 51.♖d5 ♘e6 52.♖h5 ♘g5 53.♖h8 ♔f5 54.♖f8+ ♔e5 55.♖a8 ♔f5 56.♖a5+ ♔g6 57.♖a3 ♔f5 58.♖d3 ♔g6 59.♔e2 ♔h5 60.♖d5 ♔h4 61.−−** [61.♖f5 ♘e6 62.♖f6 ♘d4+ 63.♔f2 ♔g5 64.♖d6]
½-½

Annotated by Robert Keating

Knapp,Joseph (2015) − Keating,Robert (2231) [B06]
61st Iowa Open Coralville (2), 29.08.2015

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♗e3 d6 4.♘c3 a6 5.f3 ♘d7 6.♕d2 b5 [All fairly standard Modern theory.] **7.a4** [White has a variety of other options to choose from. This one is a direct challenge to Black's forward queenside play.] **7...b4 8.♘d5?!** [8.♘d1 is more common. Now, the ♘d5 can be kicked around, allowing Black to gain time for development.] **8...a5** [8...c5 9.d×c5 d×c5 10.♗f4 ♖a7 11.♖d1 ♘gf6 12.♘×f6+ ♗×f6=] **9.c3 e6 10.♘f4 b×c3 11.b×c3** [White has apparently ruled out queenside castling. Black is a bit cramped but seems to have squares for his pieces and no major weaknesses.] **11...♘gf6 12.♗d3 0-0 13.h4?!** [This is a bit hyper−aggressive by White. He has no clear home for his king and is not fully developed yet launches an attack on the Black king.] **13...e5** [The best response to a flank attack is one in the center. This also makes good sense since that is where the White king is.] **14.♘fe2 d5** [I wanted to liquidate as much of the center as possible to expose the White king. Any attack by White on the kingside should be effectively countered by attacking his centralized king.] **15.h5 d×e4 16.f×e4 e×d4 17.c×d4 ♘×h5** [Black has little to fear from the prospect of ♖×h5. The White queen and knights are far enough removed from attacking positions, and Black's pieces have plenty of mobility for defense and counterattack.] **18.♗h6 ♘df6** [18...♗×h6! 19.♕×h6 ♘df6 20.♘f3 ♘g4 21.♕c1 ♘hf6⇄] **19.♗×g7 ♔×g7 20.e5 ♘g4** [White doesn't have enough pieces active on the kingside for ♖×h5 to work.] **21.♘f3 ♗b7** [21...f6! Opening the center even more would have been strong.] **22.0-0-0?** [White was terribly short of time at this point (under 3 minutes). This blunder decides the game more quickly, although Black seemed well on his way to gaining an advantage.] **22...♕e7 23.♕c3?** [23.♖×h5 ♕a3+ 24.♕b2 ♕×b2+ 25.♔×b2 g×h5+ ; 23.♖df1 ♕a3+ 24.♔d1 ♕×a4+ 25.♔e1 ♕a1+ 26.♕d1 ♕×d1+ 27.♔×d1 ♘e3+-+] **23...♘f2 24.♖×h5 ♘×d1 25.♔×d1 g×h5 26.d5** [White ran out of time



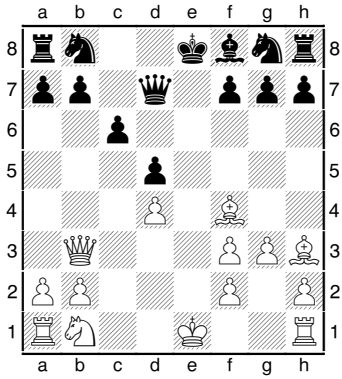
with this move. Black can proceed with either ♗×d5 or ♕b4 with an easy path to victory. This was a nice win for me, although my opponent self−destructed by poor time management. I was at least pleased to have correctly countered his flank attack with a successful central counterattack.] **0-1**

Annotations by Arshaq Saleem:

Saleem,Arshaq (2089) − Vishnuvardhan,Arjun (2279) [A41]
Iowa Open (2), 17.09.2015

1.d4 d6 2.♘f3 ♗g4 3.g3!? [This move may seem counterintuitive, as it seemingly encourages Black to double White's pawns. White hopes that from this exchange he will receive the two bishops and that he can use them along with his space to squeeze Black. 3.c4 is the main move.] **3...♗×f3 4.e×f3 d5** [This has been played by several GM's, and Black's idea is quite sound: he will establish a light−squared pawn chain to blunt White's g2-bishop. In doing this, he also discourages c4 from White, as after dxc4, the d4-pawn will become extremely weak. Or so it seems...] **5.c4!?** [I thought this was the only attempt to justify my previous play. The tame 5.♗d3 gives Black an extremely solid position after 5...e6 6.0-0 ♘f6 followed by ♗e7 and c6 (or c5).] **5...c6** [5...e6 6.♘c3 ♘e7 *(6...d×c4 7.♗×c4 ♘f6 8.d5!* is very bad for Black.*)* 7.c×d5 ♘×d5 *(7...e×d5 8.♗h3 g6 9.♗f4* gives White a good position as his bishops are very powerful.*)* 8.♗g2 c6 9.0⩲ 0 ♗d6 10.♕d3 0⩲ 0 11.♗d2 ♘d7 12.a3 ♘7f6 13.♖fe1 ♕d7 14.♘e4 ♖fd8 15.♖ad1 is a bit better for White due to his bishops and

slight space advantage but this would still be quite solid.] **6.♕b3** [a typical idea once Black has moved (or in this case, traded off) his c8-bishop.] **6...♕d7 7.♗f4** [White develops while setting a trap.] **7...e6?** [a very standard move, but now Black is in huge trouble. 7...d×c4 8.♗×c4 e6 9.♘c3 ♘f6 10.♖c1 ♗e7 11.0-0 0-0 12.♖fd1 ♖d8 13.♗f1 White has a solid advantage. Even though Black has firm control over the d5-square, his clumsy piece setup makes it hard to use. For example 13...♘d5 14.♘×d5 e×d5 15.♖e1 ♗f6 16.♗e5 ♗g5 *(16...♗×e5 17.♖×e5±)* 17.f4 ♗e7 18.♗d3 f6 19.♗×b8 ♖a×b8 20.♕c2 g6 21.f5±; 7...♘f6 8.♘c3 e6? is similar to the game after 9.c×d5] **8.c×d5! e×d5** [Forced. 8...♕×d5 9.♕×b7+-; 8...c×d5 the point of 7.♗f4 is seen after 9.♗×b8 ♖×b8 10.♗b5+-] **9.♗h3!** [the bishops slice through Black's position.]

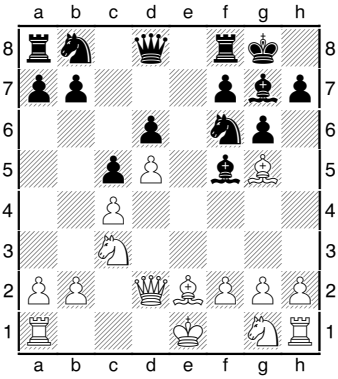


9...♕e7+ [9...♕×h3 10.♕×b7+-] **10.♔d1!** [10.♔d2 ♕b4+ 11.♕×b4 ♗×b4+ 12.♘c3± is a horrible endgame for Black, but I thought it was better to keep the queens on the board, further exacerbating the problem of Black's king.] **10...♕b4 11.♖e1+ ♔d8** [11...♗e7? 12.♕×b4] **12.♕e3** [threatening ♕e8#] **12...♘f6** [12...♗e7 13.♕e5+-] **13.♕e5 ♘a6 14.♗g5?!** [not best, but still retaining a big edge. 14.♘d2! ♕e7 15.♕g5 h6 16.♕h4 ♕b4 17.a3 ♕b6 18.♗e5 ♗e7 19.♕f4 White is winning with the threat of ♕f5.] **14...♗e7** [14...♗d6! 15.♗×f6+ g×f6 16.♕×f6+ ♔c7 17.♘c3±] **15.a3 ♕d6 16.♕e3** [threatening ♗f4.] **16...♕c7** [making way for ♗d6, but this loses. 16...♔e8! is an odd computer defense, but Black wants to run to f8. 17.♕b3 ♕c7 18.♘c3 is still quite bad for Black.] **17.♘c3 h6 18.♖c1!?** [This is strong, but I missed something better. 18.♘b5! I saw this move, but after 18...c×b5 19.♖c1 ♘c5 I missed 20.♗f4 ♗d6 21.♖×c5 ♕b6 22.♗×d6 ♕×d6 23.♕c3 ♕b8 24.♕b4+-] **18...h×g5 19.♘b5 ♗d6 20.♘×c7 ♔×c7** [White is winning, but I still have to break through.] **21.♗f1 ♘b8 22.♕×g5 ♖×h2 23.♕×g7 ♘bd7 24.♖c2 ♖h7 25.♕g5 ♖g8 26.♕d2 ♖h2 27.♕a5+ ♔b8 28.♗d3 ♖gh8 29.♗f5 ♘b6 30.♗d3 ♘c4 31.♗×c4 d×c4 32.♕f5 ♖8h6 33.g4 ♖h1 34.♖ce2 ♘d5 35.♕×f7 a5 36.g5 1-0**

Annotations by GM Alex Yermolinsky:

Yermolinsky,Alex (2598) − Saleem,Arshaq (2089) [E75]
61st Iowa Open Coralville (3), 29.08.2015

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗g5 [After the game my opponent told me he was prepared for 5.h3 0-0 6.♗g5 the line I featured in my ICC videos. I'm glad people are paying attention, even if it hurts my practical results!] **5...0-0** [5...h6 6.♗e3 ♘g4 is another chapter.] **6.♕d2 c5 7.d5 e6** [Also, a Benko Gambit transposition, 7...b5 is common here.] **8.♗e2** [I decided to transpose to the Averbakh System. Both 8.♗d3; and 8.f3 were viable alternatives.] **8...e×d5 9.e×d5 ♗f5!?** [This line had long had a



bad reputation, and the recent game Carlsen−Van Wely seemed to have confirmed it.] **10.♘f3 ♕b6 11.♘h4** [Following theory... 11.♖c1 ♘e4 12.♘×e4 ♗×e4 13.b3 ♖e8 14.0-0 ♘d7 15.♘h4 ♕b4! is OK for Black.] **11...♘e4 12.♘×e4 ♗×e4 13.f3 h6!** [This excellent move may just bring this line some respectability. 13...♕×b2 was played by Van Wely, and some unfortunate others before him. Black stands worse after 14.♖c1 ♗f5 15.♘×f5 g×f5 16.♕×b2 ♗×b2 17.♖b1 ♗c3+ 18.♔d1 ♖e8 *(*or *18...b6 19.♗d3)* 19.♖×b7] **14.♗×h6 ♗×h6 15.♕×h6 ♕×b2 16.0-0** [The point of 13...h6 is to hit White's ♘h4 with the queen, the idea that first appears in 16.♕c1 ♕f6; then in 16.♖c1 ♗c2

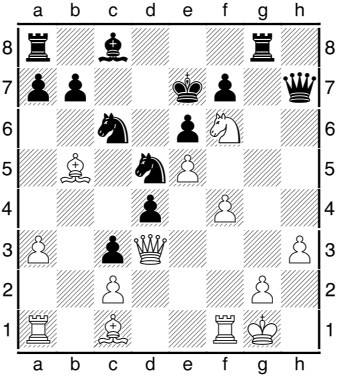
17.♕d2 ♕f6 along many other lines White can try.] **16...♗c2!** [I could only dream of 16...♕×e2 17.f×e4 where the threat of ♘f5 forces Black into a horrible ending after 17...♕h5 18.♕×h5 g×h5 19.♘f5] **17.♖ac1** [17.f4 ♘d7 18.f5 ♕g7 19.♕g5 ♕f6 20.♕×f6 ♘×f6 21.♖ac1 ♗e4 is no problem for Black.] **17...♖e8!** [Another excellent reply from my well−prepared opponent. I hoped for 17...♘d7? 18.♖f2 ♗a4 19.♗d1 ♕b4 20.♗×a4 ♕×a4 21.f4 with big attack, as the black queen is out of play.] **18.♖f2 ♗a4 19.♗f1** [There's no 19.♗d1 on account of 19...♖e1+; and 19.♘×g6 f×g6 20.♕×g6+ ♕g7 21.♕×d6 ♘d7 didn't seem attractive at all.] **19...♕g7 20.♕×g7+ ♔×g7** [White has no trace of advantage in this position, in fact, he's in danger of getting worse. I played a few moves and grabbed a repetition when it was there.] **21.♖b2 b6 22.♖c3 ♗d7!** [The threat of g6-g5 leaves White no time for ♖a3.] **23.g4 ♘a6! 24.♘g2 ♘c7 25.♖a3 ♖eb8 26.♖ab3** [If Black gets in a7-a6 and b6-b5, he'll take over the game.] **26...♗a4 27.♖a3 ♗d7 28.♖ab3 ♗a4 29.♖a3 ½-½**

Annotations by Robert Keating

Keating,Robert (2231) − Glusker,Roman (1730) [C18]
61st Iowa Open Coralville (3), 29.08.2015

[I was a bit surprised to face a much lower rated opponent in this round; however, such is the nature of accelerated pairings.]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♗×c3+ 6.b×c3 ♕b6?! [This is off. Much more normal would have been ♕c7 or ♘e7. Without seeing a specific way to punish Black's opening deviation, I proceeded with the standard king−side pawn raid by my queen followed by the typical regrouping. Sooner or later, the position of Black's queen should show itself to be unfortunate.] **7.♕g4 ♘e7 8.♕×g7 ♖g8 9.♕×h7 c×d4 10.♘e2 d×c3 11.♕d3 ♘bc6 12.f4 d4** [Black has managed to play a series of standard moves for the opening. Normally, White would like to play 13.♘×d4, but the Black queen prevents it. I decided to use a different plan that I've had some success with.] **13.♘g3 ♘d5 14.♘e4 ♔e7** [14...♗d7 15.♘d6+ ♔e7 16.g3 ♖h8 17.♗g2±] **15.♕h3** [planning to activate the ♗f1 and castle kingside.] **15...♕d8 16.♗b5** [I had a hard time choosing between ♗b5, ♗c4, and ♗d3. I picked ♗b5 since it was the most forward available square and with the idea of eliminating the defender of the e4 pawn at the right moment. ♗c4 would have been a reasonable choice, too, preparing to eliminate the defender of f6; however, I did not want to allow Black's bishop to become active after e×d5.] **16...♖h8** [16...♗d7 17.♕h4+ ♔f8 18.♕h6+ ♔e7 19.f5] **17.♕d3 ♕g8?! 18.0−0 ♕h7?!** [Black was much worse already and had little to do but make simple threats.] **19.h3 ♖g8? 20.♘f6!**



[White must win at least an Exchange with this move.] **20...♕g7** [20...♕×d3 21.♘×g8+ ♔f8 22.♗×d3 ♔×g8 23.g4 Black can keep playing, but the ending is vastly in White's favor.] **21.♘×g8+ ♕×g8 22.♗×c6 b×c6 23.♕×d4 ♗a6 24.♕c5+** [With precision, White takes advantage of the defenseless Black king to gain even more material and positional control.] **24...♔d8 25.♕d6+ ♔c8 26.♕×c6+ ♘c7 27.♖d1 ♗b5 28.♕×c3 ♔b7 29.♖b1 ♔c8 30.♖×b5** [Black seemed overmatched out of the opening but made some decent moves early on. Ultimately, the ramifications of his 6th move and some relatively directionless play caught up with him.] **1-0**

Brooks,Michael A (2432) − Keating,Robert F (2231) [B06]
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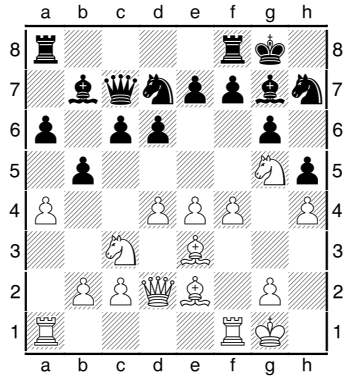
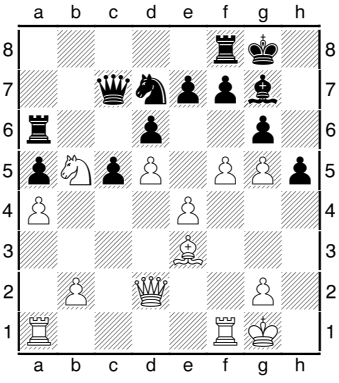
[Being one of four players at 3 / 3 at this point, this would be the most significant challenge of the tournament for me. My lifetime record against IM Brooks until now was 3 draws, but he is clearly the stronger player.] **1.e4 g6** [I decided to play my usual opening repertoire − no sense in deviating into unfamiliar lines. I thought it would be at least interesting to see how he would dismantle my best opening preparation.] **2.d4 ♗g7 3.♘c3 d6 4.♗e3 a6 5.♕d2 ♘d7 6.♘f3 b5** [All pretty standard so far.]

7.h4!? h5?! [I've struggled with White playing h4, thinking it best to automatically respond h5; however, lately, I've been reconsidering this since the ♘g5 that White gets is very annoying. I suppose at some point, I should dare White to continue with h5 and either h6 or h×g6. 7...♘gf6 8.♗h6 ♗×h6 9.♕×h6 c5 10.d×c5 ♘×c5 11.h5 ♘×h5= White's attack on the kingside doesn't work if the Black king is somewhere else.] **8.♘g5 ♗b7 9.a4 c6 10.♗e2 ♘gf6 11.f3 ♕c7?!** [I had been satisfied with the opening up to this point. Perhaps Black has something more concretely productive that this queen move.] **12.0–0 0–0** [With White castled on the kingside, I felt it safe to do the same.] **13.f4 ♘h7?!** [I was

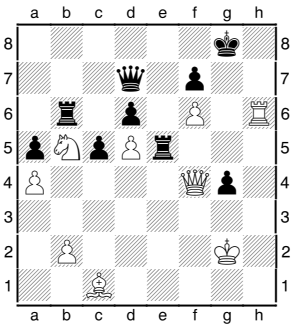


focused on neutralizing the intruder on g5, with White poised to play f5×g6, freeing the e6 square for his knight. Instead, it would have been better to proceed with the same combination of freeing pawn moves that I played in the game without this awkward backtracking. 13...b4! 14.♘d1 c5 15.d5 ♘g4! White can weaken Black's pawns, but the one on g4 will be hard to win. 16.♗×g4 h×g4 17.c4 *(17.♕e2 ♘f6 18.♘f2 ♕d7∓; 17.f5 g×f5)* 17...b×c3 18.♘×c3 ♗c8 19.h5 ♘f6 20.h×g6 f×g6∞] **14.f5 ♘×g5 15.h×g5** [Now, another White intruder appears on g5; however, I cannot challenge it without creating more critical weaknesses. Perhaps it would have been better to allow the knight to persist there in a state of perpetual tension.] **15...b4 16.♘d1 c5 17.d5** [I was pleased to have eliminated the ♘g5 and created some room for my ♗g7 and ♘d7, and I now sought to improve my queenside pieces.] **17...a5** [17...♗e5!? would have been worth considering in order to allow ♔g7 and ♖h8. Later, Black could prepare and play e6 in order to free the ♗b7.] **18.c4 b×c3** [This capture seemed compulsory, otherwise the queenside would be a tomb for my rook, bishop, and queen.] **19.♘×c3 ♗a6 20.♗×a6! ♖×a6 21.♘b5!** [Instead of blocking the



queenside with pawns, White has done so with his knight. At this point, things may appear to be slightly in White's favor, but Black is really in grave danger with his queen and rook out of play and unable to actively participate in defense of the kingside.] **21...♕d8** [21...♕b8!? Aiming to break free on the queenside as soon as possible may have been Black's best strategic idea. 22.g4 h×g4 23.♕h2 ♖b6 24.♕h4 ♖×b5 25.a×b5 ♕×b5 26.f×g6 f×g6 27.♕×g4 *(27.♖×f8+ ♘×f8 28.♕×g4 ♕×b2 29.♖f1 a4=)* 27...♕d3 28.♖×f8+ ♘×f8 29.♖e1 ♗d4 30.♕f4 ♕d2 31.♕f2 ♗e3 32.♕×e3 ♕×b2±] **22.g4!** [My computer initially thinks this is a mistake, but White is dominant all over the board and it is really the beginning of a decisive kingside attack.] **22...h×g4 23.♕h2!** [Black now cannot find a way to play ♔g7 and ♖h8 due to ♕h6.] **23...♘e5** [23...♗e5 24.♗f4] **24.♔g2 ♘f3** [24...f6 25.f×g6 ♘×g6 26.♕h5 ♕e8 27.♖h1 ♔f7 28.g×f6 *(28.♘c7? ♕b8=)* 28...e×f6 29.♕×g4+-] **25.♕g3** [25.♖×f3! g×f3+ 26.♔×f3 ♖e8 27.♖h1 ♖b6 28.♕h7+ ♔f8 29.f×g6 e6 30.g×f7 ♔×f7 31.g6+ ♔f8 32.♖f1+-] **25...g×f5 26.e×f5 ♘e5 27.♖ad1** [White eliminates any chance at Black counterplay before proceeding with his final attack.] **27...♖e8** [27...♘c4 28.♗c1 ♘e5 29.♕h4 ♘f3 30.♕×g4 ♘e5 31.♕h5+-; 27...♖b6 28.♕h2 ♕d7 29.f6 g3 30.♕×g3 ♗h8 31.♗d2± Black has too many weak points and no counterplay.] **28.♗c1 ♕d7 29.♖f4 ♖b6 30.f6 e×f6** [30...♗h8 31.♖h1 ♘g6 32.♕h2 e×f6 33.♕h7+ ♔f8 34.♖h6±; 30...♖×b5!? Following through with the idea behind his last move may be Black's best way out. 31.a×b5 ♕×b5 32.♖e1 ♕b7 33.f×g7 ♕×d5+ 34.♔g1 ♔×g7 Black is down a rook for 3 pawns but has a lot of activity

against the bare White king. As long as Black keeps his queen on the board, it should be hard for White to mount a successful attack without allowing a perpetual check.] **31.g×f6 ♗h6??** [This complies with White's plan, although all other tries only delay the inevitable. 31...♖×b5 32.a×b5 ♕×b5 33.♔h1 ♘g6 34.f×g7 ♘×f4 35.♕×f4 ♕e2 36.♖f1 ♕e4+ 37.♕×e4 ♖×e4 38.♗d2 ♔×g7 39.♖f4 White should win this ending without any difficulty.; 31...♗f8 32.♖h1 ♘g6 33.♖f2 and it's just a matter of time before Black is done.; 31...♗h8 32.♖h1 ♗×f6 33.♖×f6 ♘g6+-] **32.♖h1** [32.♕h4 gets the job done more forcefully.] **32...♘g6 33.♖×h6 ♘×f4+** [33...♖e2+ 34.♔f1 ♖e5] **34.♕×f4 ♖e5** [I could have resigned



several moves ago but decide to allow White to play the nice finish he had planned.] **35.♖h8+ ♔×h8 36.♕h6+ ♔g8 37.♕g7#** [Although disappointing as all losses are, I must give due credit to IM Brooks, who is a very strong player, formerly rated >2600, and former contender for the U.S. Championship. I believe I've identified several areas for improvement from this game.] **1-0**

Annotations by GM Alex Yermolinsky

Kosokin,Valeriy (2186) − Yermolinsky,Alex (2598) [A70]
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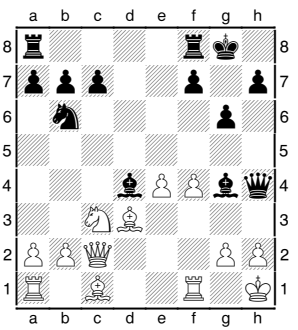
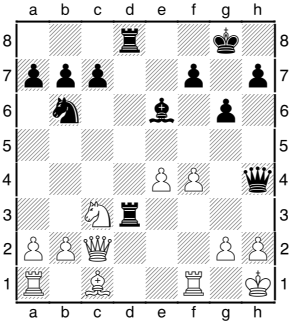
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.c4 ♗g7 4.♘c3 d5 5.e3 0-0 6.c×d5 ♘×d5 7.♗c4 ♘b6 [Black gets a solid position after 7...♘×c3 8.b×c3 c5 9.0-0 ♕c7 10.♕e2 b6] **8.♗d3** [Rather a strange move. A key position for the 7...♘b6 line appears after 8.♗b3 c5 9.0-0 c×d4 10.e×d4 ♘c6 11.d5 ♘a5 12.h3 ♘×b3 13.a×b3 where Black's best option might just be 13...♗×c3 14.b×c3 ♕×d5 Of course, not every player would be happy to part with the fianchettoed bishop.] **8...♘c6** [More typical for the Grüenfeld Defense would be to play 8...c5 9.d×c5 ♘6d7 10.♘a4 ♘a6 11.c6 b×c6 12.0-0 ♘ac5 13.♗e2 ♕a5 Black's activity easily makes up for a minor pawn structure deficiency.] **9.0-0 e5 10.d×e5** [10.♘×e5 may be more accurate in light of the note below.] **10...♘×e5** [I briefly looked at 10...♗g4 11.♗e2 ♘×e5 12.♘×e5 ♗×e2 13.♕×e2 ♗×e5 14.♗d2 ♕e7 and rejected it for no reason at all. In fact, this position is much easier for Black to play than what I got in the game.] **11.♘×e5 ♗×e5 12.e4 ♗e6** [12...♗g4 would essentially lead to the same thing.] **13.♕e2 ♕h4 14.f4 ♗g4 15.♕c2 ♗d4+ 16.♔h1** [The

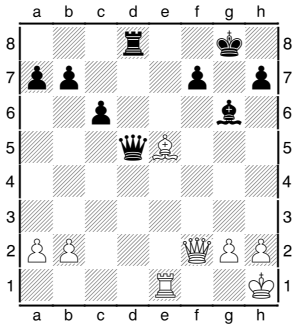


difficulty in playing this position is what to do with ♗g4. On the one hand, it's an active piece; on the other hand, it may get stranded there if White manages to play f4-f5.] **16...♖ad8 17.♘b5** [I'm not sure my opponent knew was what was coming, but it works out OK for White. 17.b3 ♖d6 18.♗b2 g5!? is a great idea I was entertaining during the game.] **17...♗f2 18.♖×f2** [It would take a lot of nerve to play 18.h3 ♗g3 19.♔g1 and invite 19...♗×h3 20.g×h3 ♕×h3 Apparently, White can defend by playing 21.♖f3 *(or 21.♖d1)*] **18...♖×d3 19.♖f1 ♖fd8 20.♘c3** [here White is threatening ♘d5.] **20...♗e6?** [I didn't



rate Black's winning chances very highly after 20...c5 21.♘d5 c4 22.♘×b6 a×b6 23.f5 but, per−

haps, I was wrong.; 20...♕h5 21.♕f2 only help White to consolidate.; The move I really wanted to play was 20...f5!? a thematic idea of blocking the f4-pawn and thus keeping White's ♗c1 from coming out. I just felt uncomfortable leaving my bishop out on g4. Bad thinking, as 21.e5 ♕e7 22.♕f2 gives Black some small advantage, particularly if he finds 22...a6! anticipating 23.♗e3 ♘c4] **21.f5!** [My hopes to get f7-f5 in were dashed. In sharp contrast with his somewhat unsure handling of the opening my opponent played purposefully and aggressively in the second half of the game.] **21...g×f5 22.e×f5 ♗×f5 23.♗f4 ♕g4** [This doesn't do much. 23...♗g6 24.♗×c7 ♖8d7 25.♗f4 is also safe for White.] **24.♕f2** [Now White is out of danger] **24...♗g6 25.♖ae1** [I expected 25.♗×c7 ♖d2 26.♗×d8 ♖×f2 27.♖×f2 ♕d4 28.♗×b6 ♕×b6=] **25...c6 26.♖e7 ♖3d7 27.♖fe1 ♖×e7 28.♖×e7 ♘d5** [Around these parts I allowed myself to get dangerously low on time.] **29.♘×d5 ♕d1+ 30.♖e1 ♕×d5 31.♗e5** [I only counted on making a draw after 31.♗h6 f5 32.♕×a7 ♖e8.



Instinctively I went] **31...♕d2? 32.♕×d2 ♖×d2 33.♗f6** [It was bad enough that I missed that move, but worse yet, I played my reply too quickly.] **33...♔f8??** [Truth to tell 33...♗e4 wouldn't be enough to save the game, but White would have to find 34.h3! ♗×g2+ *(34...♖f2 35.♗d4 ♖f4 36.♔h2!! f5 37.♔g3* traps the rook!) 35.♔g1 h5 36.♖e8+ ♔h7 37.♗c3! ♖c2 38.♖h8+ ♔g6 39.♖g8+ ♔f5 40.♖×g2 winning the piece and the game.] **34.♗g5** [Oops.] **1-0**

Annotations by Arshaq Saleem:

Saleem,Arshaq (2089) − Young,Angelo (2423) [E91]
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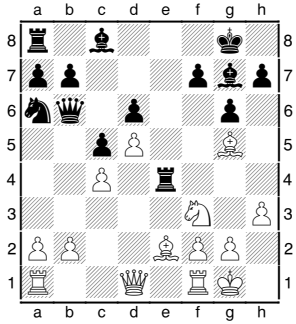
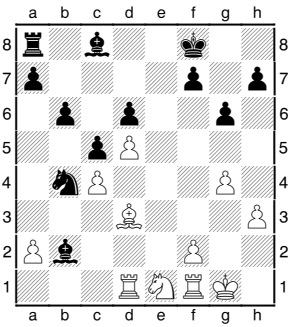
[After starting off the tournament pretty well, I lose quite badly in the following game.] **1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 0-0 5.♘f3 c5 6.♗e2 ♘a6 7.d5 d6 8.h3 e6** [Black aims for a Benoni.] **9.0-0 ♖e8 10.♗f4?!** [this move actually isn't so bad, but I missed Black's next obvious sequence.] **10...e×d5 11.e×d5 ♘e4!** [a typical idea in this structure to trade a set of minor pieces. Luckily for me, I am not just worse here because there are some tactics.] **12.♘×e4 ♖×e4 13.♗g5** [I get my bishop out of attack with tempo.] **13...♕b6** [After the game,



my opponent recommended 13...♕a5! and this looks like a good way to stop what happened in the game. 14.a3!? may be the strongest move. *(14.♗d2 ♕d8 15.♗d3 ♖e8 16.♕b3* looks quite pleasant for White, but Black has a strong pawn sacrifice in *16...♘b4! 17.♗×b4 c×b4 18.♕×b4 a5 19.♕a4 ♗d7 20.♕b3 a4 21.♕a3 ♕f6* Black has very strong compensation for the pawn.*)* 14...♗×b2 *(14...♖e8 15.♖b1 ♘c7 16.♗f4 ♕a6 17.♗d3* looks slightly better for White.*)* 15.♕c2 ♗×a1 16.♕×e4 ♗f5 17.♕e7 ♗g7 18.g4 ♗f8 19.♕×b7 ♖b8 20.♕×a7 ♗c8 21.♗d2 ♕c7 22.♕×c7 ♘×c7 23.♖e1 OK, it's all crazy computer stuff, but it's quite interesting to see how White can keep an edge through unorthodox tactics.] **14.♗d3 ♖e8 15.♕a4** [This is the reason that 13...♕a5 was the way to go for Black. Now White has magically developed all his forces with tempo and will continue with ♖ae1 next.] **15...♖f8!?** [Probably the best practical try. 15...♘c7 16.♖fe1 ♔f8 17.♗f4 ♖d8 18.♖ab1 really is terrible for Black. His pieces are uncoordinated as opposed to their well−placed counterparts.] **16.♗e7** [accepting the bait.] **16...♕b4 17.♕×b4?** [17.♗c2! is pretty much winning for White. 17...♕×a4 *(17...♗×b2 18.♖ab1 ♕×a4 19.♗×a4 ♗c3 20.♗×d6 ♖d8 21.♗e7+-; 17...♕×b2 18.♖ab1 ♕c3 19.♗e4 ♘b8 20.♗×d6 ♖d8 21.♗e7 ♗d7 22.♕d1 ♖e8 23.d6 ♗c6 24.♗d5* and White is winning.*)* 18.♗×a4 ♗f5 19.♖ad1! ♖fd8 *(19...♗×b2 20.g4 ♗c8 21.♖b1 ♗g7 22.♗×d6+-*

followed by ♗e7 again, as we already have seen.*)* 20.♗×d8 ♖×d8 21.♖fe1 ♗×b2 22.♖e7 ♖b8 23.♖de1 White is winning.] **17...♘×b4 18.♗×f8 ♔×f8!** [18...♘×d3? 19.♗×g7 ♔×g7 20.b3+-] **19.♖ad1 ♗×b2** [Now White's advantage has completely disappeared, and Black has the easier−to−play position.] **20.♘e1??** [really a horrendous decision. I thought I was being clever by protecting my bishop and preparing to drive back the Black forces, but my move served more as an invitation. Remember, after you have decided on a move, just play it again once more in your head as kind of a "reality check". You may witness that you're just missing an obvious move, or that (as in my case) the move makes no sense. 20.♘g5! White needs to go forward, not backward to salvage his position. 20...b6 preparing ♗a6. (20...h6 21.♘e4 ♗f5 22.g4 ♗×e4 23.♗×e4 ♖e8 24.♖fe1 ♘×a2 25.♗×g6! ♖×e1+ 26.♖×e1 ♘c3 *(26...f×g6? 27.♖e2±)* 27.♗b1 a5 28.♔g2 a4 29.♗c2 a3 30.♗b3= this variation is long and not very forcing, but it shows that after White's active play, the defense becomes much easier.) 21.a3! ♘×d3 *(21...♗×a3 22.♖d2 ♘×d3 23.♖×d3 ♗b2 24.♖f3 f6 25.♖b3 ♗e5 26.♘f3 ♗f4 27.♖a1* and the position is about equal, but if anyone's pressing, it's White.*)* 22.♖×d3 ♗a6 23.♖f3 ♔g8 24.♖b1 ♗d4 25.♖c1 ♖f8 26.♘e4 ♖d8 27.a4 and once again, White has the more comfortable position.] **20...b6** [once again preparing ♗a6 to pressure the c4-pawn. 20...♗d7 was also strong.] **21.g4??** [I thought 20. ♘e1 was



the worst move I played in the game, but seeing this quickly changed my mind. My idea was to take away the f5-square from Black's bishop. However this makes little sense when he just played b6 to go to a6. Once again, had I done a quick reassessment of the position after 21.g4 in my head, I may have seen that after ♗a6 I am more or less losing. 21.♗b1 ♗a6 22.♘d3! ♗c3 23.♖c1 ♗d2 24.♖cd1 ♗c3 25.♖c1 ♗d2 *(25...♗f6 26.g3* followed by ♖fe1 and ♘f4, and White is on the better side of a draw.*)* 26.♖cd1=] **21...♗a6 22.a3** [22.♖b1 ♗f6 23.♖×b4 c×b4 24.♘c2 ♖c8 wouldn't have been too much better for White.] **22...♗×a3 23.♖a1 ♗b2 24.♖a4 ♗c8!** [White can't parry the threat of ♗d7, winning the rook. A fitting end to a well−played endgame by Black. I must admit, though, I did most of the self−destructing. Congratulations to all of the tournament winners of this year's Iowa Open!] **0-1**

Annotations by James Hodina:

Hodina,James (1938) − Vasto,Dan (2096) [E01]
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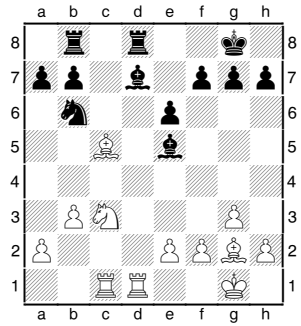
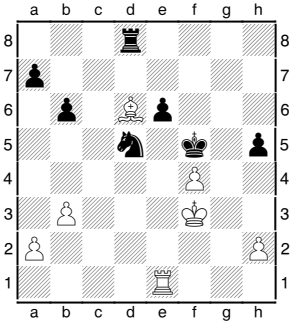
[Dan and I were paired in the final round. Earlier that day, Dan and I had a chance to chat and catch up. I have not been playing a lot in recent years and Dan had not made it over to a Cedar Rapids tournament lately. When we were more active, the two of us played frequently. Dan had my number in those days. (He kindly recalled a game I had won but that must be the only one). I told Dan that I literally switched my White opening to d4 because I could not handle his open Sicilian Defence. (I had little luck with any of the anti−sicilian lines either). So, to be paired against Dan in the final round, with White nonetheless, was quite prophetic.] **1.♘f3** [Okay, not quite d4. I prefer to play ♘f3 first and then 2.d4 against most of Black's first move responses. This is simply a practical decision as cuts down on the amount of opening theory I need to memorize.] **1...c5 2.c4** [This is why I said I respond with 2.d4 to most of Black's 1st move choices. Here, 2.d4 is not as reasonable as the immediate 2... c×d4 makes things too easy for Black. So an English it is, albeit d4 remains in White's future.] **2...♘c6 3.g3 ♘f6 4.♗g2 d5 5.c×d5 ♘×d5 6.0-0** [The immediate 6.♘c3 leads to another popular line 6...♘c7 7.0-0 e5 8.d3 ♗e7 9.♘d2 ♗d7 *(9...0-0 10.♘c4 f6 11.f4 e×f4 12.♗×f4 ♗e6 13.♕b3)*] **6...e6** [In our early conversation, Dan mentioned he would play a "Maroczy bind" pawn structure as White against the Sicilian. So, with colors reversed, I expected 6...e5 here, which, after 7.♘c3 transposes to the previous line.] **7.d4** [7.♘c3 is more popular but the line played has very good results according to the database. 7...♗e7] **7...c×d4 8.♘×d4 ♘×d4 9.♕×d4 ♕b6 10.♕×b6 ♘×b6 11.♘c3 ♗d6 12.b3** [My purpose is not to fianchetto but to take away the c4 square for

the Black knight on b6. That said, such pawn moves take time. With a lead in development, better is the more aggressive move 12.♖d1 ♗e5 13.a4 ♗×c3 14.b×c3 0-0 (14...a5 15.♖d6 ♘c4 16.♖d4 ♘e5 17.♖b1 ♘c6 18.♖g4 ♔f8 *(18...0-0 19.♗h6)* 19.♗a3+±) 15.a5] **12...♗e5 13.♗d2 0-0 14.♖ac1 ♖b8 15.♖fd1 ♗d7 16.♗e3 ♖fd8 17.♗c5** [My plan is to create a beachhead on



d6 and I chose to go in with the knight and bishop first. But White has options, here: 17.f4 I thought about this move alot but had trouble evaluating it. 17...♗×c3 *(17...♗f6 18.♘e4 ♗e7 19.♗c5 ♔f8 20.♗d6 ♖bc8 21.♗c7 ♗a3 22.♗d6+)* 18.♖×c3 ♘d5 19.♗×d5 ♗c6 20.♗×a7 ♖a8 21.♗b6 ♖×d5 22.♖×d5 ♗×d5 23.a4; What I did not consider, but appears to be best is 17.a4 taking advantage of the awkward placement of the knight. Black's response is forced. In the end White nets a pawn. 17...♗×c3 18.♖×c3 ♘d5 19.♖cd3 ♖dc8 20.♗×a7 ♖a8 21.♗e3 ♗c6 22.♗d2 f5 23.♖c1 ♔f7 24.♗f3 ♖d8 25.♗g5 ♖dc8 26.♔g2 ♘b4 27.♖d6 ♖c7 28.♔g1 ♖ac8] **17...♖bc8 18.♘e4** [18.b4 is perhaps better and is a move I considered in the game. But I was unsure how to evaluate ♘c5 and b6.] **18...♗b5** [This looked natural to me but the computer likes several alternatives better. 18...♘d5 19.f4 *(19.♗×a7 ♖×c1 20.♖×c1 ♖a8* and Black gets the pawn back on a2.*)* 19...♗b8] **19.♖×d8+ ♖×d8 20.♗f3** [20.f4 ♗b8 21.♘c3 ♗c6 22.♗×c6 b×c6 is perhaps a better way to protect the e-pawn. But I had already made my mind up on a play to get my rook to c2 and cover the a2 pawn should I finally get to capture on a7.] **20...♗c6 21.♖c2 h6 22.♔g2 ♗b8 23.♘d2** [Again consulting the computer engine, taking the knight is best. But Argh, even with this knowledge in hand, I cannot bring myself to part with the bishop.] **23...♘d5 24.♘c4 b6 25.♗a3 ♗b7 26.e4 ♘f6 27.e5 ♗×f3+ 28.♔×f3 ♘d5 29.♘d6** [Mission accomplished. But have I actually gained anything by achieving this objective? 29.♗d6 ♗×d6 30.♘×d6 ♘b4 31.♖c8 ♖×c8 32.♘×c8 ♘×a2 33.♘×a7 ♘b4 and although my king looks to be in a better position, I cannot win the race to the b-pawn. 34.♔e4 ♔f8 35.♔d4 ♔e8 36.♔c4 ♘d5 37.♘b5 ♔d7 38.♘d6 f6 39.♔b5 and no progress can be made.] **29...♗×d6** [Who is brave enough to recapture with the d-pawn!?] **30.♗×d6** [And the computer engine says "= (0.00)." But practically speaking just about anyone would rather have the bishop over the knight in the endgame, right?] **30...f6 31.♔e2** [31.♔e4 f5+ 32.♔d4 is okay, too.] **31...g5 32.♖c6** [After the game, Dan and I analyzed the endgame and both of us liked this move as it frees up the bishop to allow f×e6 opening the long diagonal.] **32...♔f7** [32...f5 would be more in line to stop White's plan to open the diagonal.] **33.e×f6 ♔×f6 34.f4** [This was a hurried move. 34.♗a3 h5 35.♗b2+ sticks to the plan.] **34...g×f4 35.g×f4 ♔f5 36.♔f3 ♖g8 37.♖c1** [Again, Dan and I found in the post mortem that this is a slip (37...♖d8 is better) as the h-pawn becomes a target in some lines. Black wants to play:] **37...h5** [Again, Dan and I found in the post mortem that this is a slip (37...♖d8 is better) as the h-pawn becomes a target in some lines. Black wants to play: 37...♖g4 hitting the f-pawn one more time. But 38.h3 ♖h4 39.♔g3 stops that plan. However, if Black's h-pawn was on h4, then ♖g3+ would be played in response to h3. But that is a few moves away yet.] **38.♖e1 ♖d8** [Dan offered me a draw here which I readily accepted. We both had about 5 minutes on our clock. With a 30 second increment, that is probably more time than it sounds and playing on would certainly be reasonable. But I had a good tournament so far and finishing with a draw against Dan was nice way to



finish. As it turns out, I could win the h-pawn but Black gets full compensation as White's King and Rook are pushed to the first and sec-

ond rank where Black will eventually get the pawn back. So, all−in−all a reasonable out−come. **39.−−** [Here's how it would go "with perfect play :−)" 39.♖e5+ ♔f6 40.♗a3 ♔f7! ad−mittedly not an easy move to find. 41.♖×h5 ♘f6 42.♖e5 ♖d3+ 43.♖e3 ♖d2 44.♖e2 ♖d3+ 45.♔f2 ♘g4+ 46.♔g2 ♘e3+ 47.♔g1 the only way to avoid the checks.] **½-½**

Annotations by Robert Keating:

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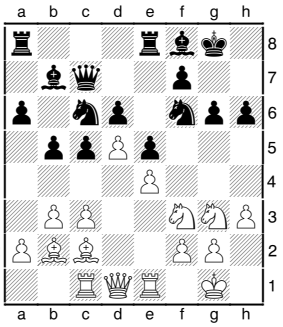
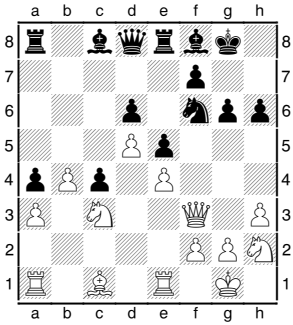
[My opponent for this final round game would be the #61 ranked 10 year−old in the U.S. It is always a challenge to play against talented juniors since their rating often lags behind their true playing strength.] **1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.0−0 ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.c3 0−0 9.h3 ♘a5 10.♗c2 c5 11.d4 ♕c7 12.♘bd2** [Both players had moved quickly to this point. We have entered the Ruy Lopez, Chigorin Defense main line.] **12...♖e8** [Black more commonly chooses from 12...c×d4, ♘c6, and ♗d7.] **13.b3?!** [While not specifically bad, my reason for choosing this move was incor−rect. I had recalled previously playing b3 and ♗b2 in response to a Black rook move, but that was ♖d8, not ♖e8. White's position is still okay, but it would have been more correct to continue with ♘f1. 13.♘f1 ♗f8 14.♗g5 ♘d7 15.♘e3 ♘b6 16.♖c1 f6 17.♗h4 was played by Fischer in 1959.] **13...♗f8 14.♗b2 ♘c6 15.♘f1 h6 16.♖c1** [My idea with this move was to be able to play ♗b1 in response to ♘b4 (after mutual c×d4 moves by both players) and have the rook on an active file. 16.♘e3 c×d4 17.c×d4 ♘b4 18.♗b1 ♗d7 19.a3 ♘c6 20.♗c2 ♖ac8 21.♖c1±] **16...♗b7 17.♘g3 g6 18.d5** [White often plays

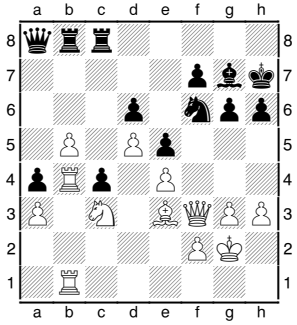


d5 once Black has placed a knight on c6 or a bishop on b7 after having already played c5. Here, all the pre−conditions existed; however, White's ♗b2 and ♖c1 maneuvers look like wastes of time. Nonetheless, I figured that Black would need some time to reorganize his pieces, which would allow me time for ♖a1 and ♗c1, leading to a more conventional closed Ruy Lopez position. White's extra pawn move on the queenside (b3) could potentially be a liabil−ity, but I did not see how that would be exploit−ed.] **18...♘b8 19.♖a1 ♘bd7 20.♗c1 ♘b6 21.♘h2** [This opens up possibilities of f4, ♘g4, and ♕f3.] **21...c4 22.b4 a5 23.a3 a×b4 24.c×b4** [Black often does well to play on the queenside in the Ruy Lopez. My plan was to re−route a knight to c3, from where it would both attack b5 and defend my central pawns. I would counter c3 by Black with ♕f3, ♖e3, and ♘e2, and Black would not be able to defend the pawn enough times to keep it.] **24...♘a4?!** [I don't see a pro−ductive purpose to this move. Perhaps Black wanted to encourage a trade of bishop for knight.] **25.♕f3 ♕d8 26.♘e2** [Once the knight goes to c3, I believe White will be in good shape. Black will have to keep an eye on b5 and White's pieces will be well−positioned for kingside expansion.] **26...♗c8** [26...♘b6 27.♘c3±] **27.♗×a4 b×a4 28.♘c3** [White



appears to be in control now. He can focus multiple attacks on a4 and c4 with the possibility of using the distraction to pre−empt a kingside attack.] **28...♗d7 29.♗d2 ♕e7 30.♕e2 ♖ec8 31.♘f1 ♗e8 32.♘e3 ♕c7** [White has success−fully goaded Black into playing defense and concentrating his heavy pieces on a side of the board from where they have no active pro−spects.] **33.♖ac1 ♘h5 34.g3 ♕a7?!** [banking on the trick, 35.♘×c4 ♘×g3 due to the pin of the f2 pawn by Black's queen.] **35.♔g2** [35.♘×c4? ♘×g3 36.♕e3 ♖×c4 37.♕×a7 ♖×a7 38.f×g3 ♗d7

39.♔g2⩲] **35...♕a6 36.♖b1** [It seemed clearer to me to play for b5 and ♖b4, which should win Black's a4 and c4 pawns, rather than going for a kingside offensive, which should also be successful now that Black's queen and rooks are relatively stuck far away from their monarch.] **36...♖ab8 37.♖b2 ♘f6 38.♖eb1 ♗b5 39.♕f3 ♗e7 40.♘ed1 ♔h7 41.♕e3** [Little threats like this one and ♕f3 help White to improve his position and make Black's more passive.] **41...♗f8 42.♘×b5 ♕×b5 43.♘c3 ♕a6 44.b5 ♕a8 45.♖b4 ♖c5 46.♕f3 ♗g7 47.♗e3 ♖cc8?**



[Black's position is already decisively bad, and White is ready to win material at any time. In this case, ♖c7 was Black's only viable retreat since now his queen is trapped.] **48.♖×a4 ♕×a4 49.♘×a4 c3** [Black could easily resign now but instead decides to prolong the game. For awhile that makes some sense since he can pose problems for White, but later it is just playing on for the sake of playing on.] **50.♖b4 ♖b7 51.♗c1 ♘d7 52.♘×c3 ♘c5 53.♖c4 ♖f8 54.a4 f5 55.♖×c5!** [After this Exchange sacrifice, it becomes much more obvious that Black has nothing to play for.] **55...d×c5 56.♗a3 f×e4 57.♕×e4 ♖bf7 58.♗×c5 ♖c8 59.♕e3 e4 60.♘×e4 ♖a8** [Black is now playing for the sake of making more moves.] **61.♕b3 ♖f5 62.b6 ♖e5 63.b7 ♖b8 64.f3** [In no hurry to prove the point, I keep everything protected and avoid any wild tactics that could even remotely backfire.] **64...♖ee8 65.a5 ♗e5 66.a6 ♗g7 67.a7 ♖×b7 68.♕×b7 g5 69.♘f6+ ♔g6 70.♘×e8 ♗e5 71.♕e7 ♗a1 72.♕e6+ ♔h7 73.♕f7+ ♔h8 74.♘f6 ♗×f6 75.a8♖+** [There were no spare queens available, and a rook is good enough − but it's not mate just yet.] **75...♗d8 76.♗d4#** [I couldn't resist mating with the less likely piece just to reward Black for prolonging the game. Although this was a solid win for me, I believe I need to work more on mastering the strategies of the Ruy Lopez closed positions. That way, there will be no guessing at what to do next time.] **1-0**

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